WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BURKE COUNTY
THE
ALPHA
AND
OMEGA
NORTH CAROLINA
1978

Der Bahnbrecher

der bahnbrecher ist eine erscheinung, welcher unermuedlich auf die sicherheit und die gewissheit um den zustand, ein pfad charter in die ungewissheit. er bricht grenzen, ueberwindet hindernisse, erforscht neue ideanen und ist weit in fortschritte seiner zeitgenossen. gefolgt von der herausforderung von dem sonnenuntergang, bricht er die luecke, zum neuen pfad der daemmerung.

renate allen fred e. epley

the pioneer is a visionary who, tiring of the security and certainty of the status quo, charters a path into the unknown. he breaks boundaries, surmounts obstacles, explores new ideas, and is far in advance of his contemporaries. following the challenge of the sunset, he breaks a new path to the dawn.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

for some years the yearbook was called "the happening." faye brittain suggested "THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA" and the staff voted to accept this as our new name.

alpha — first letter of the greek alphabet; something that is first, beginning; something undeveloped called into being.

omega — last letter of the greek alphabet; the point where something ceases to exist.

each year at a community college, the annual is like primeval darkness, "waste and void" and out of nothing it begins — ALPHA; through struggle, work, conflict, and love it ends — OMEGA.

isn't this what piedmont and life are all about?

"we come into the world alone
we go away the same
we're meant to spend
the interlude between in closeness
or so we tell ourselves
but it's a long way
from the morning to the evening"
— rod mckuen

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"initial instructions
go easy. no one will believe you if you come in
fast. take no one unaware. give each new
friend, potential enemy, or love time to do their
own mind-making and deciding. and for as
long as possible, be open with your own
decisions. never consciously run back home
with more than you receive.
be gentle. god, how all of us want and need
that now . . . ."
— rod mckuen

INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS, an introduction to INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INNOCENT from the book ALONE by Rod McKuen, copyright © 1975 by Rod McKuen

"See what a flower I found you," she said, wistfully holding a piece of purple-red bell-heather under his face. He saw the clump of coloured bells, and the tree-like, tiny branch:

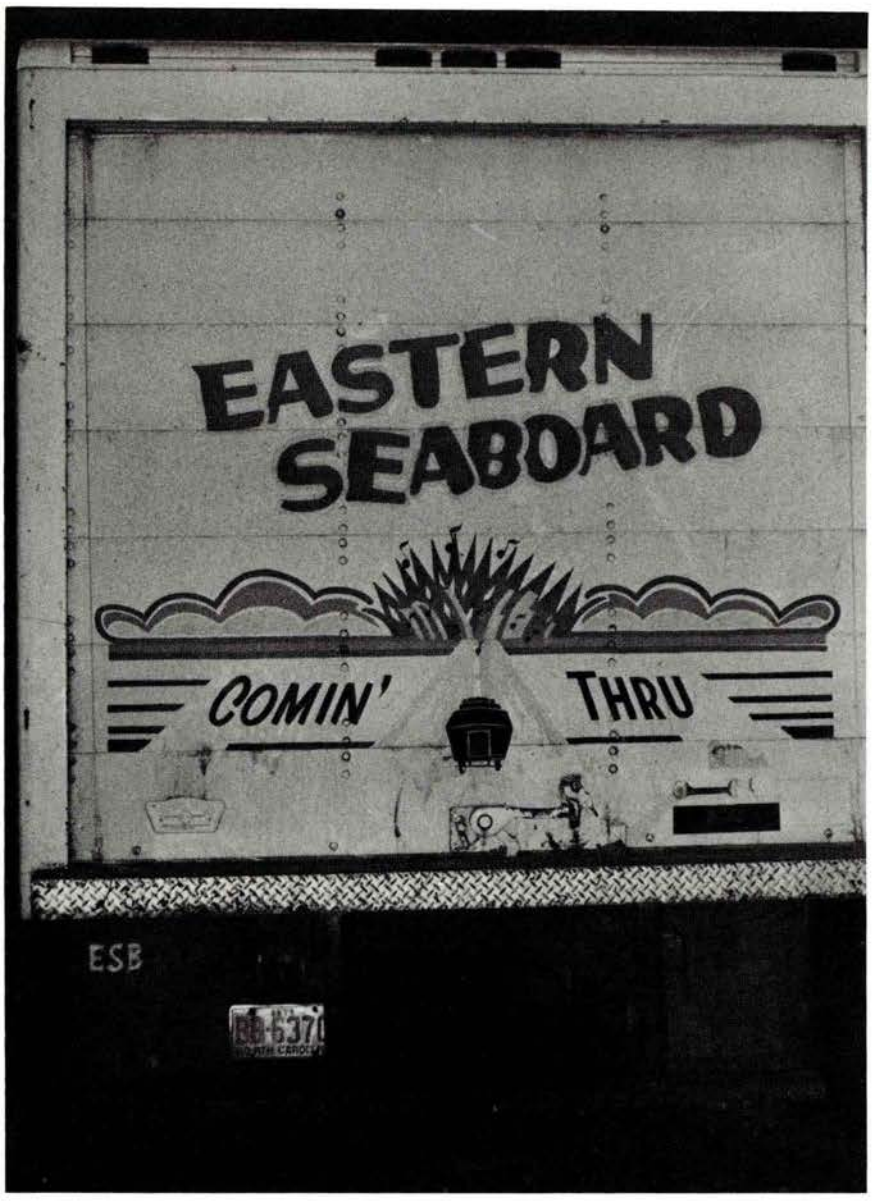
"Pretty!" he said, looking up at her with a smile, taking the flower. Everything had become simple again, quite simple, the complexity gone into nowhere. But he badly wanted to cry: except that he was weary and bored by emotion.

Then a hot passion of tenderness for her filled his heart. He stood up and looked into her face. It was new, and oh, so delicate in its luminous wonder and fear. He put his arms round her, and she hid her face on his shoulder.

It was peace, just simple peace, as he stood holding her quietly there on the open lane. It was peace at last. The old, detestable world of tension had passed away at last, his soul was strong and at ease.

She looked up at him. The wonderful yellow light in her eyes now was soft and yielded, they were at peace with each other. He kissed her softly, many, many times. A laugh came into her eyes.

D.H. Lawrence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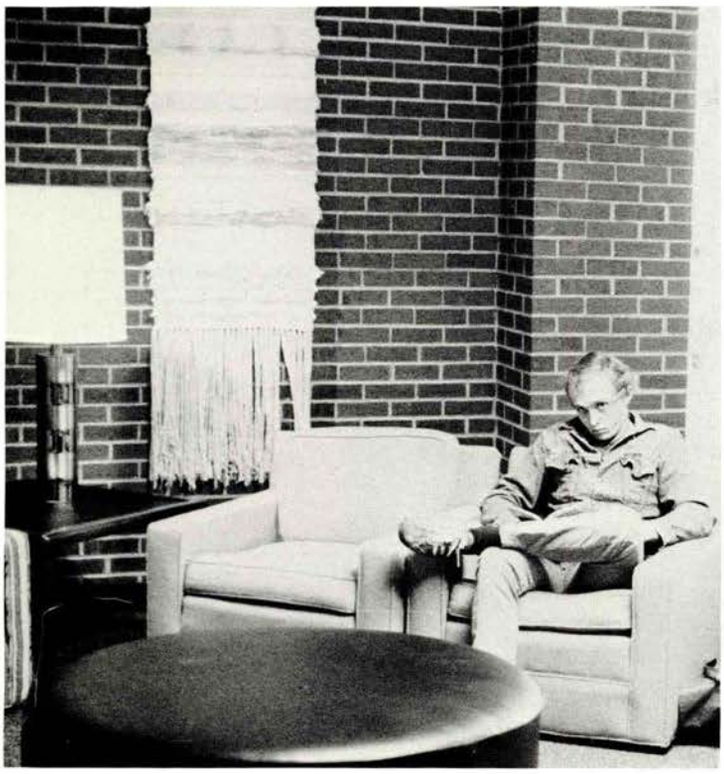

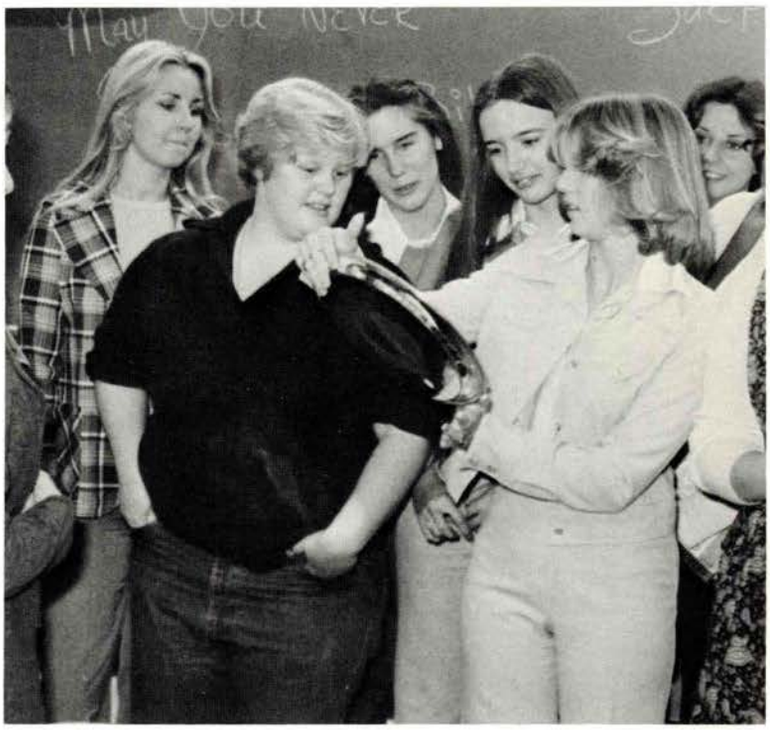
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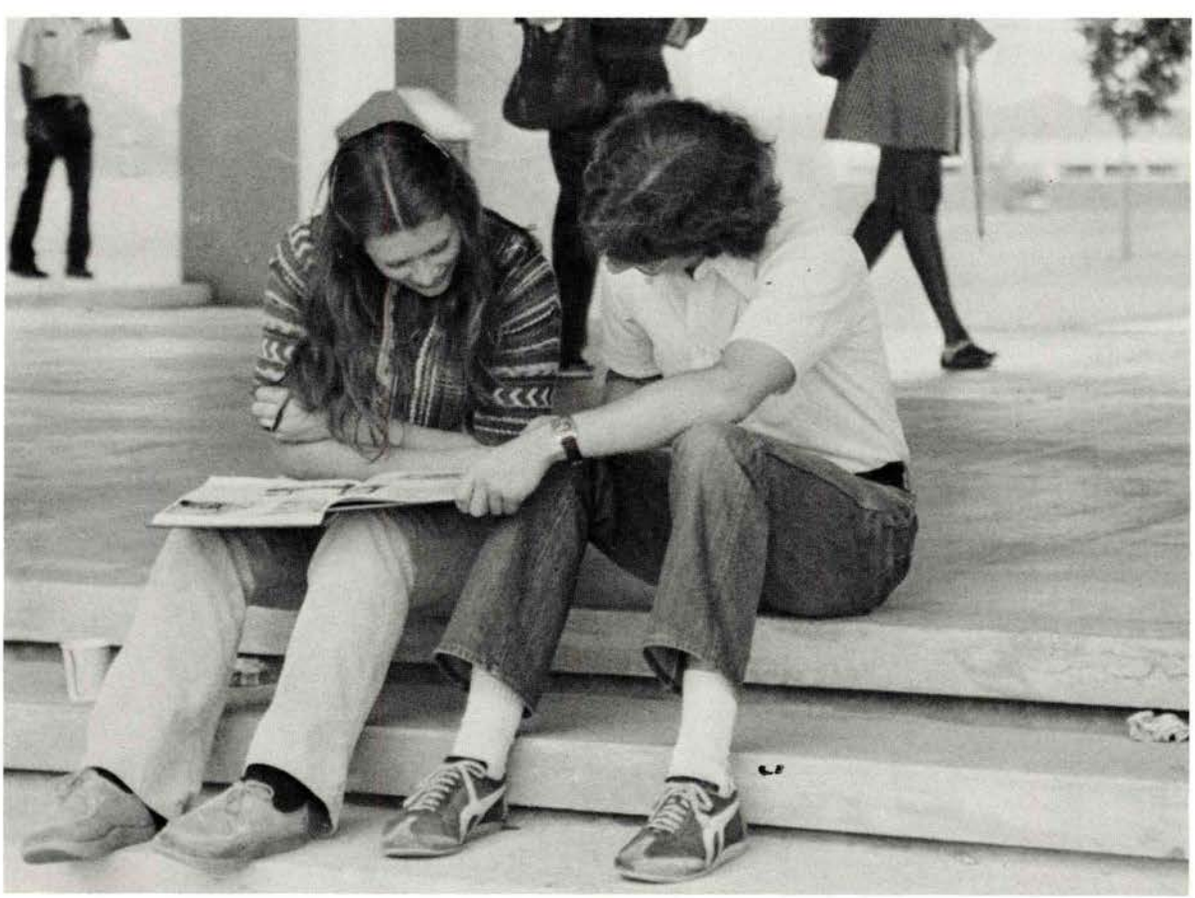

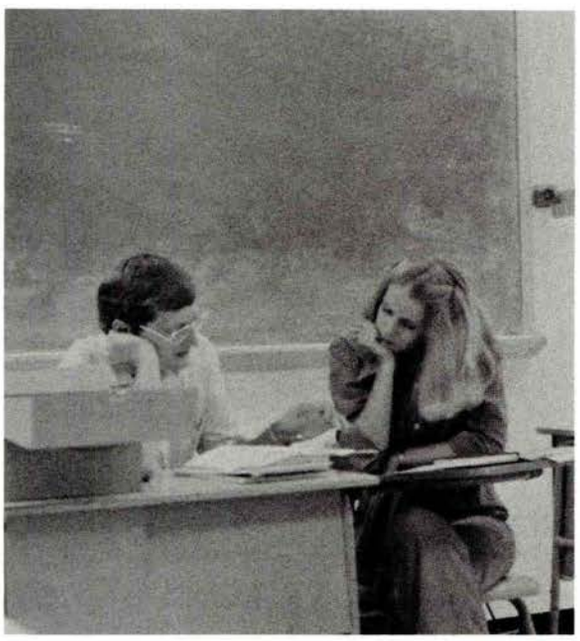

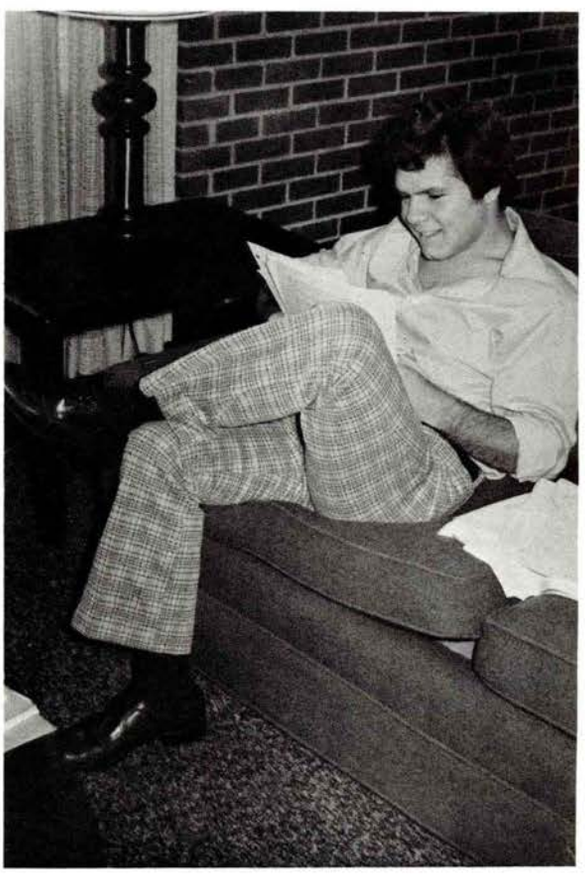

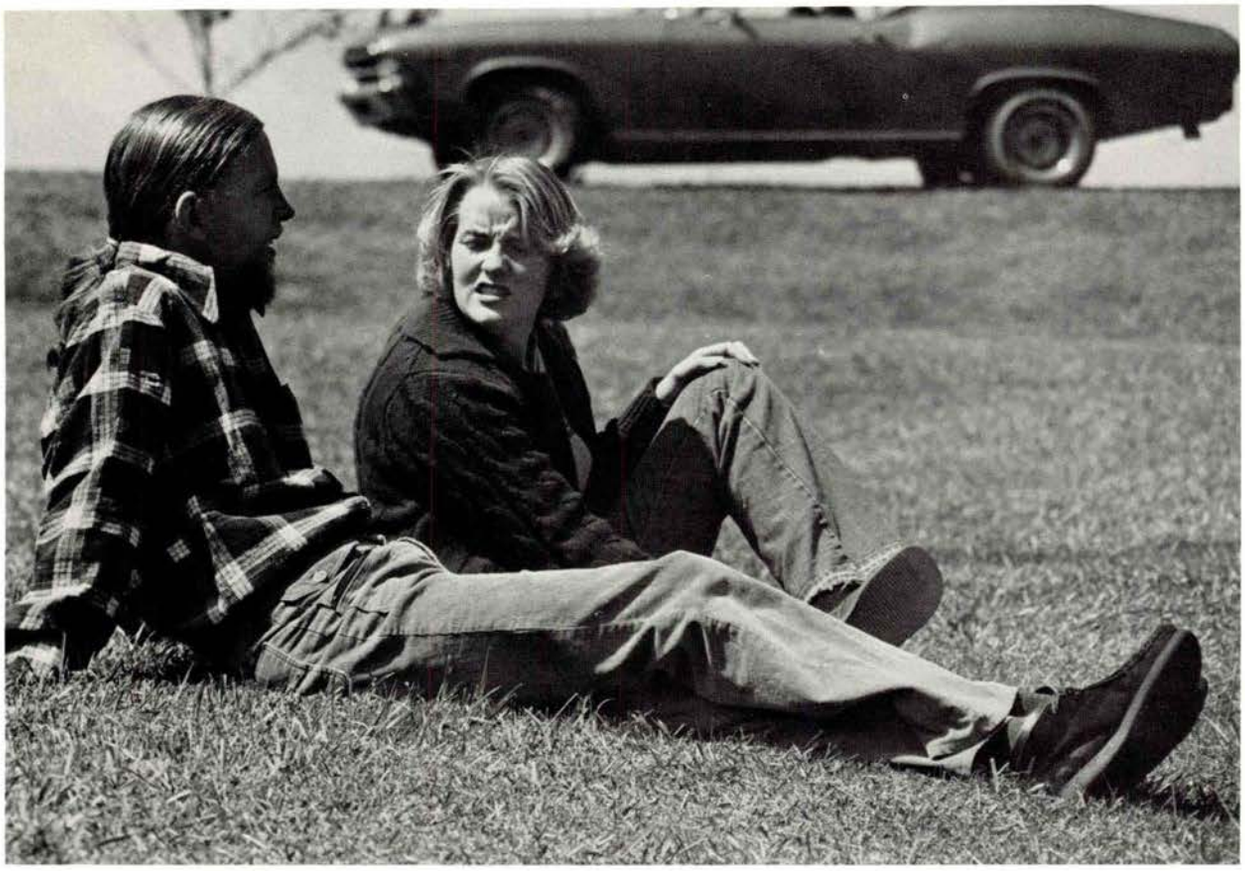

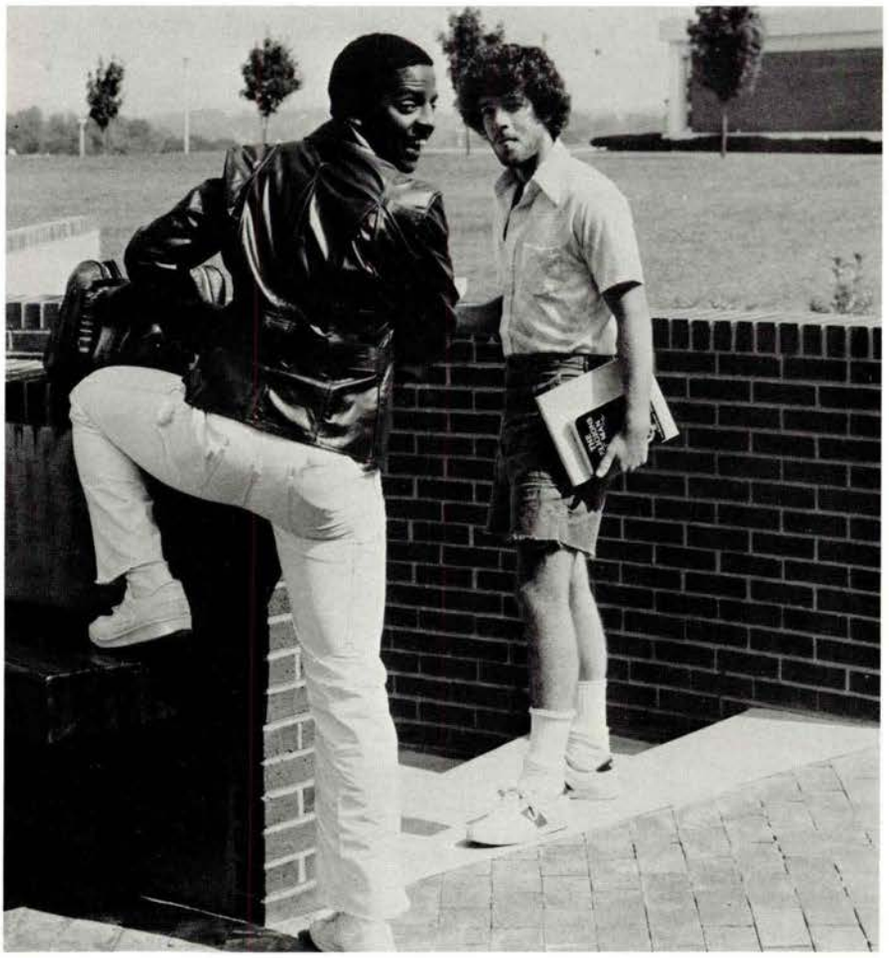

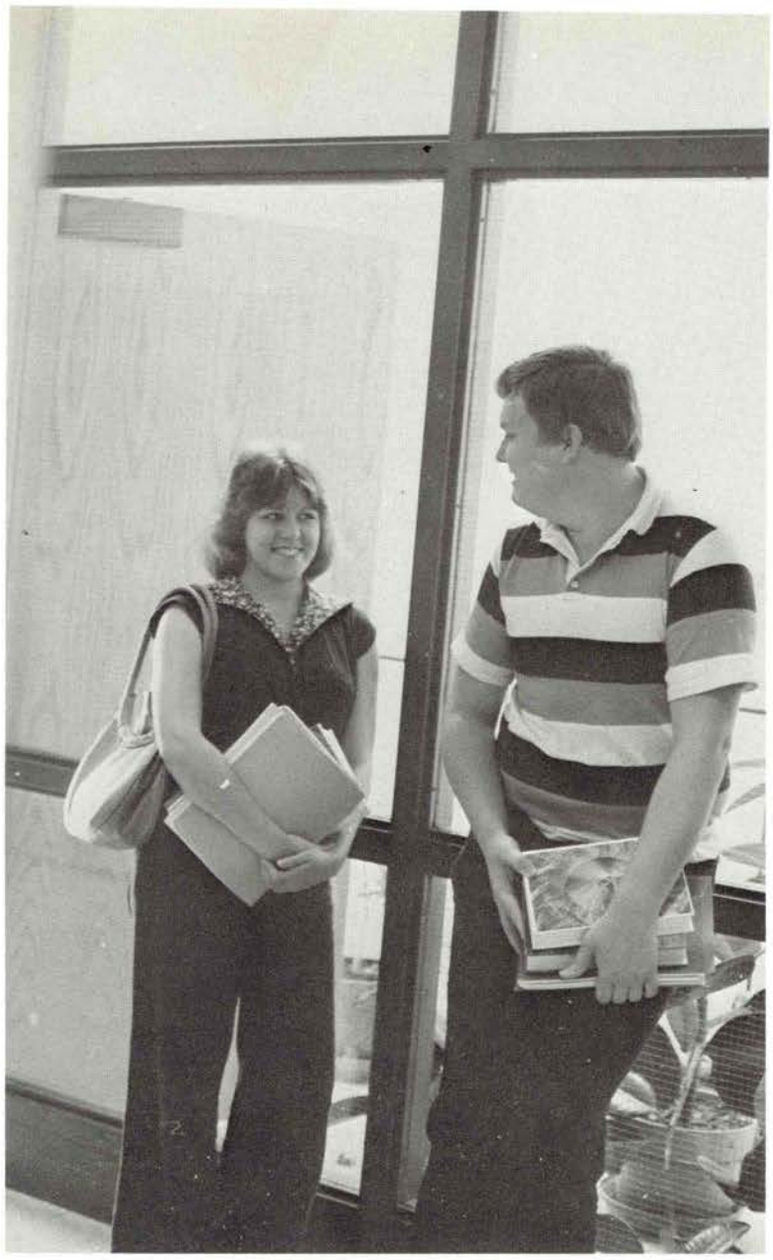

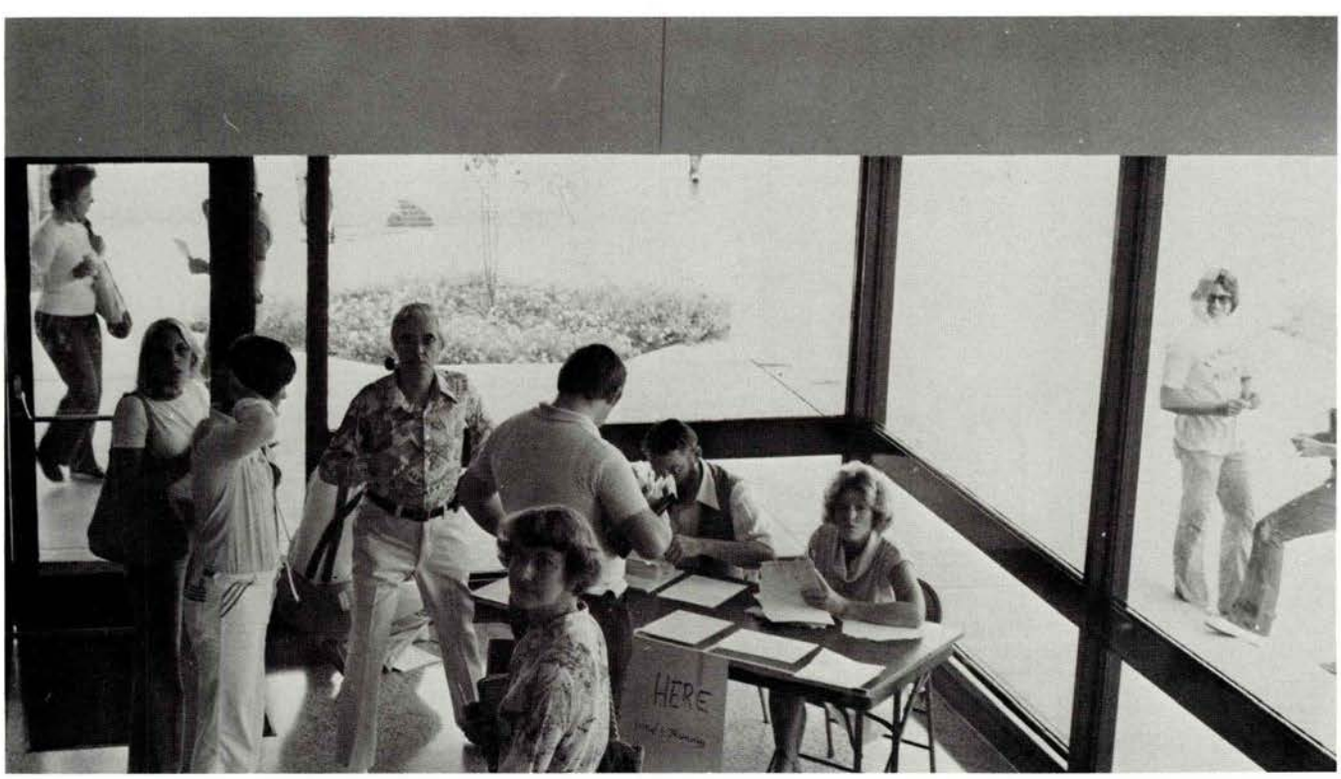
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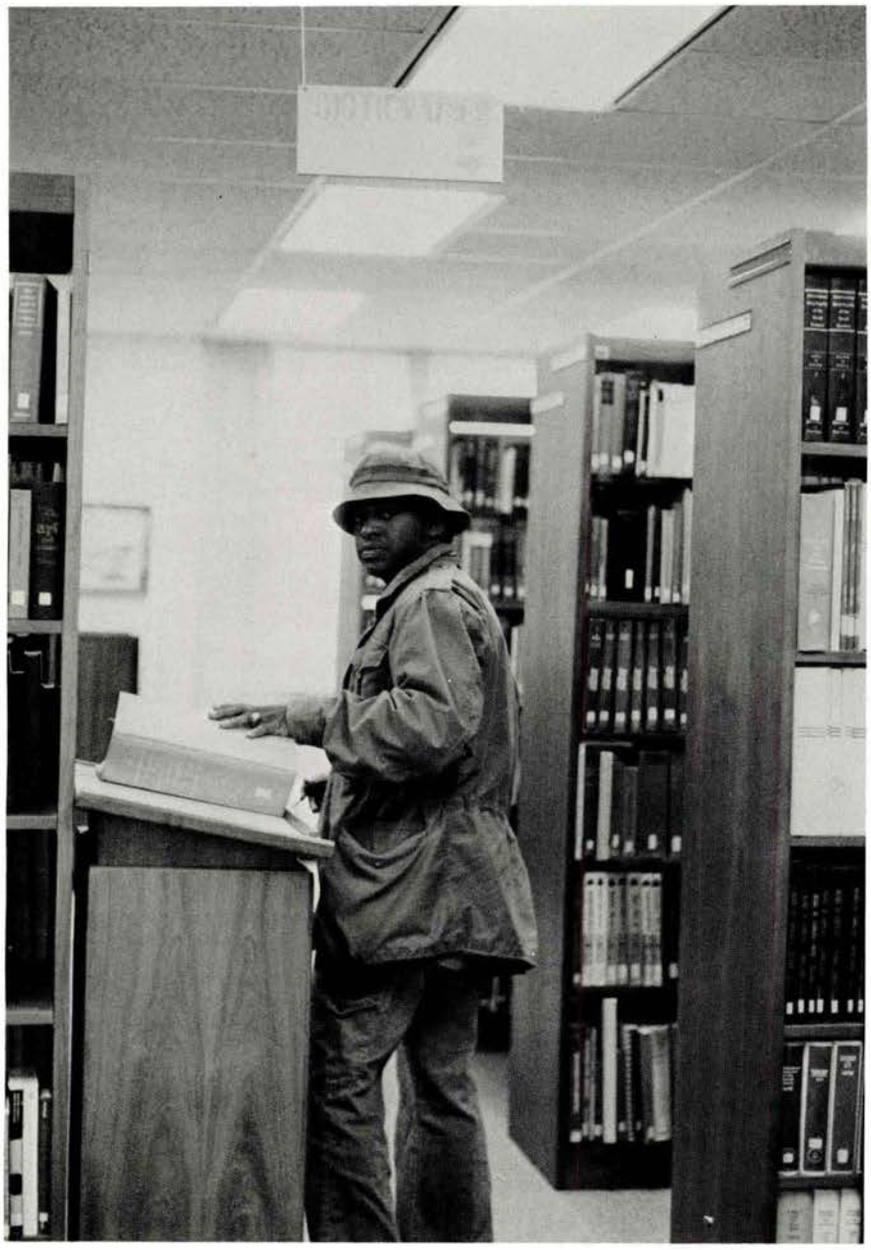

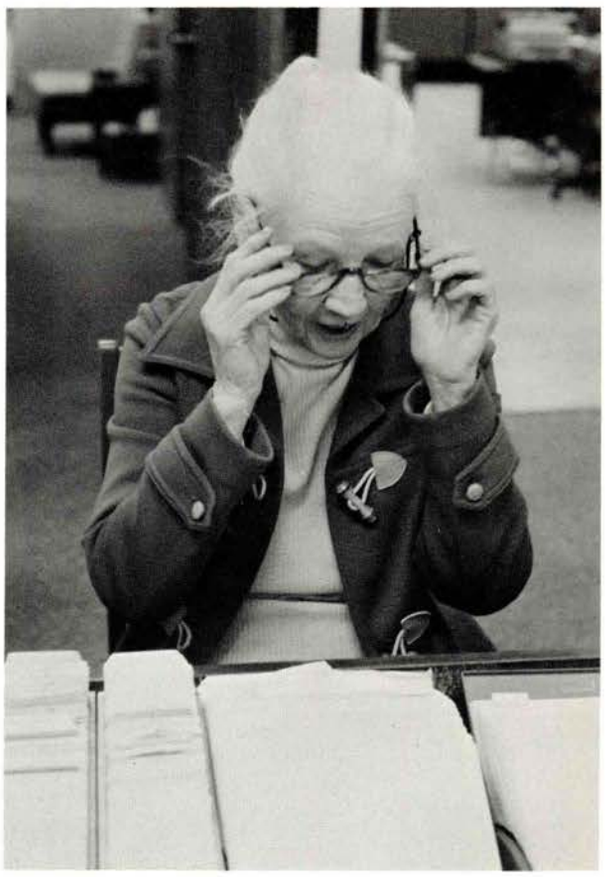

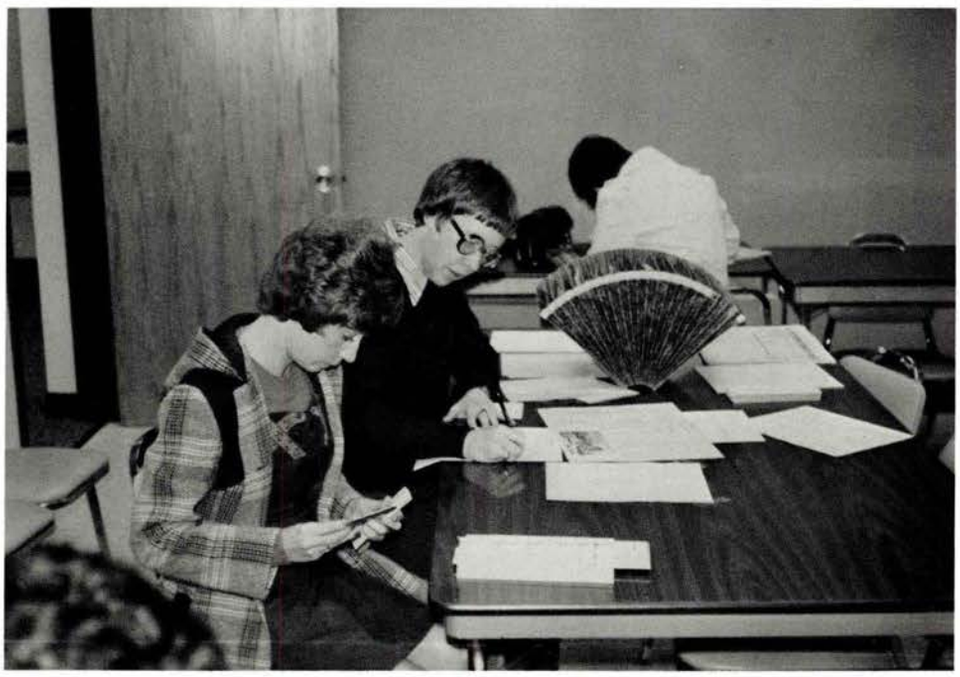

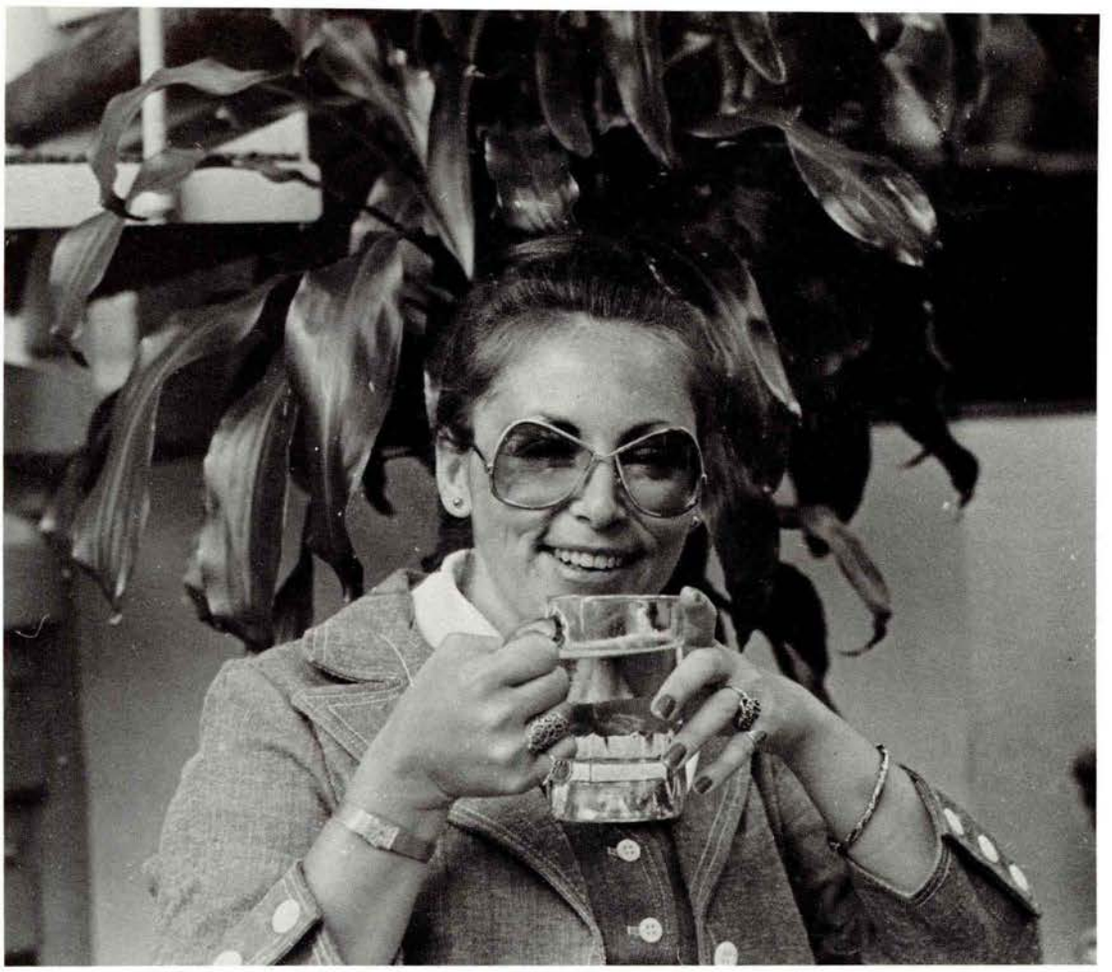

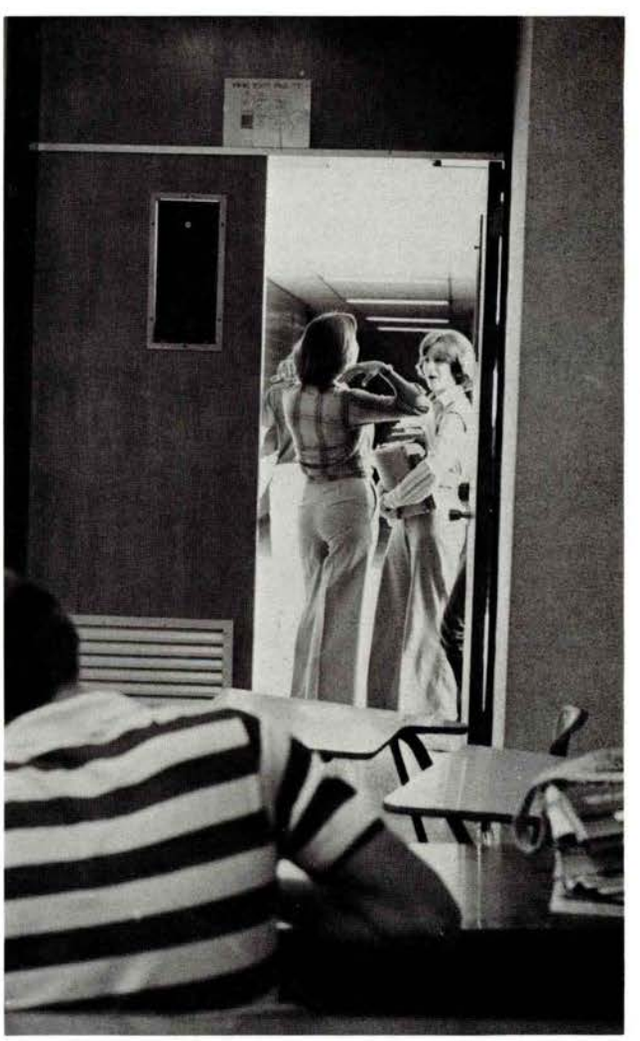

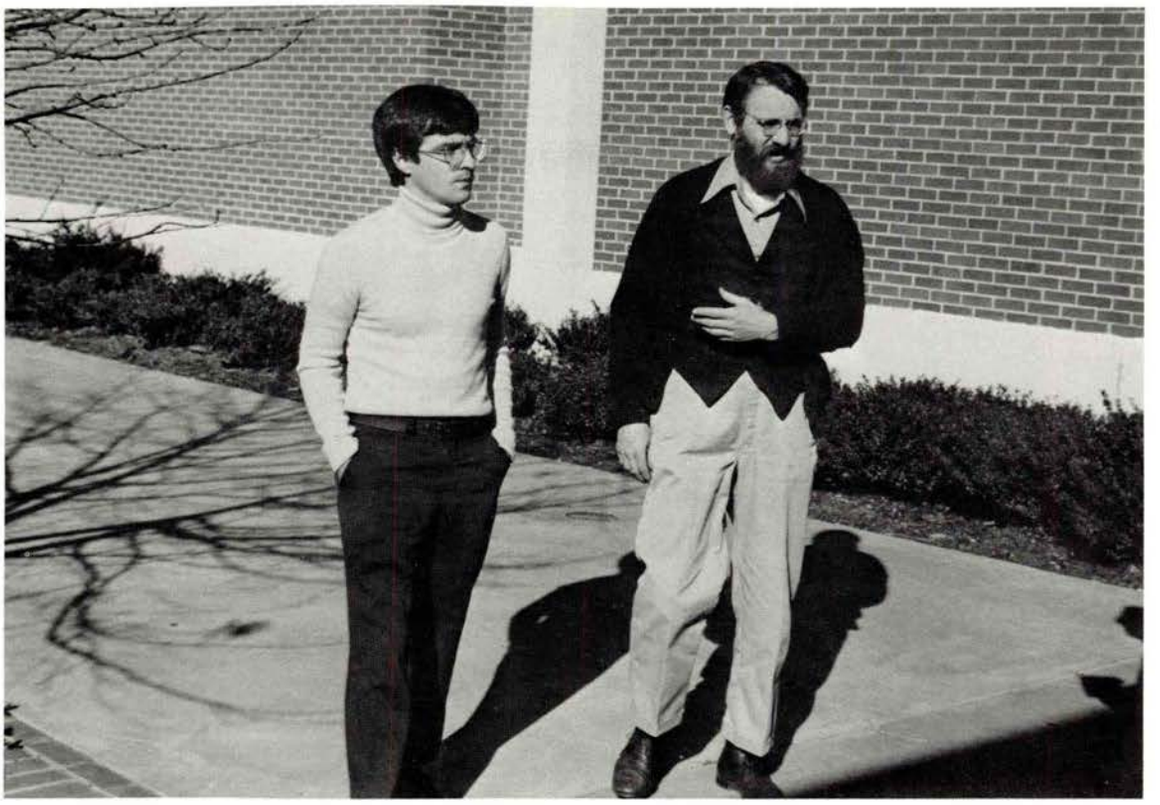

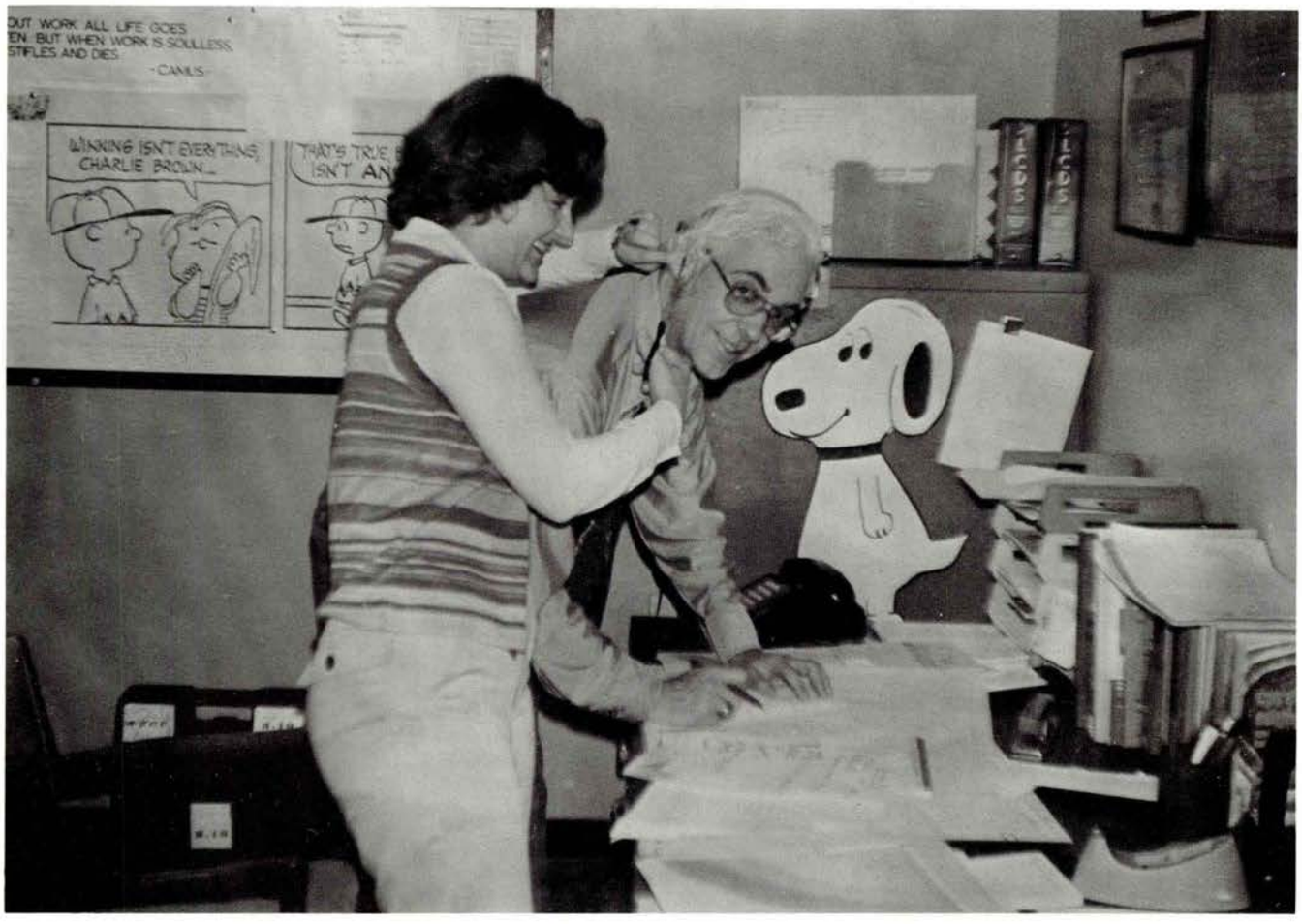
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WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING,
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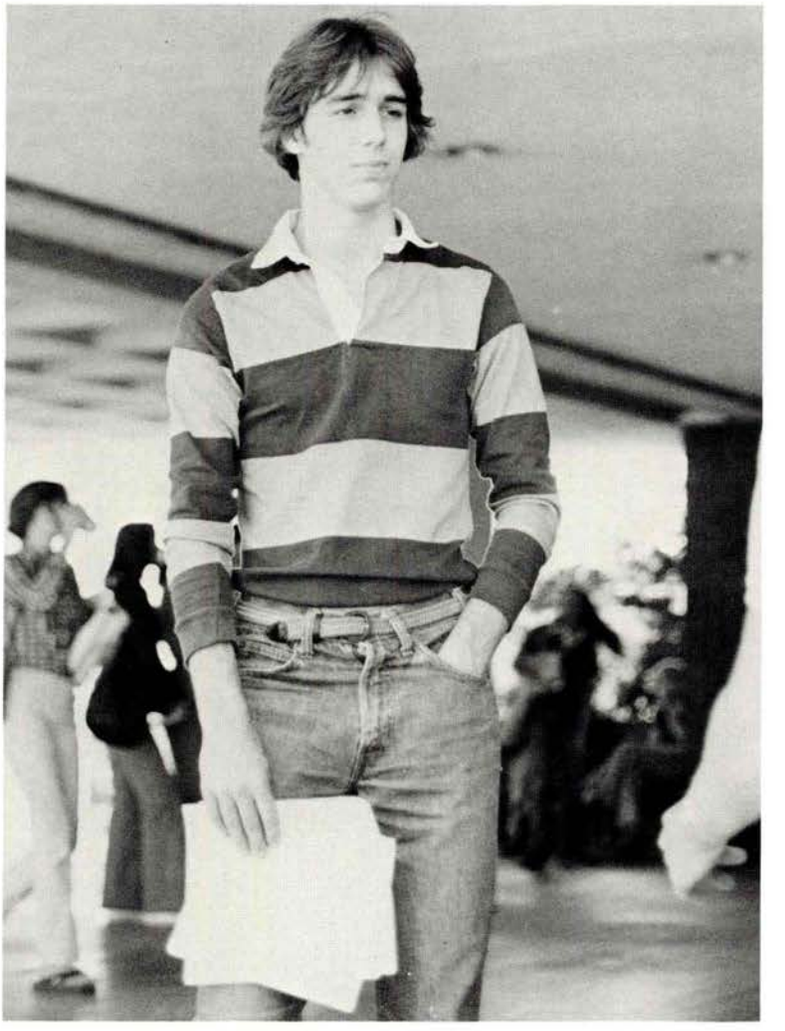
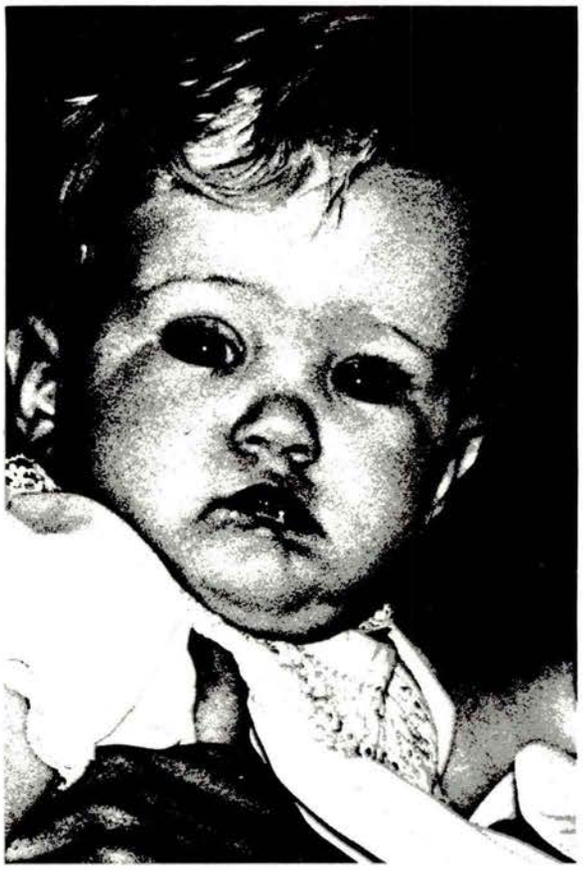
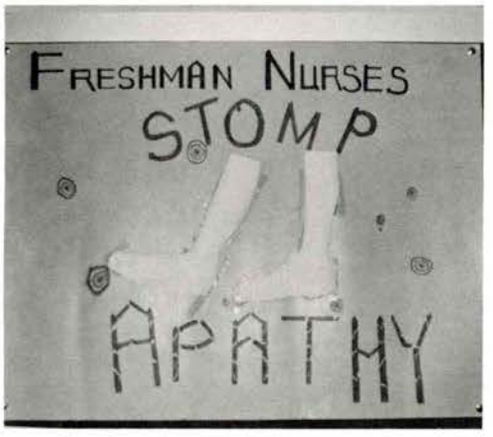
Eleanor Marxen — Ms. Western Piedmont



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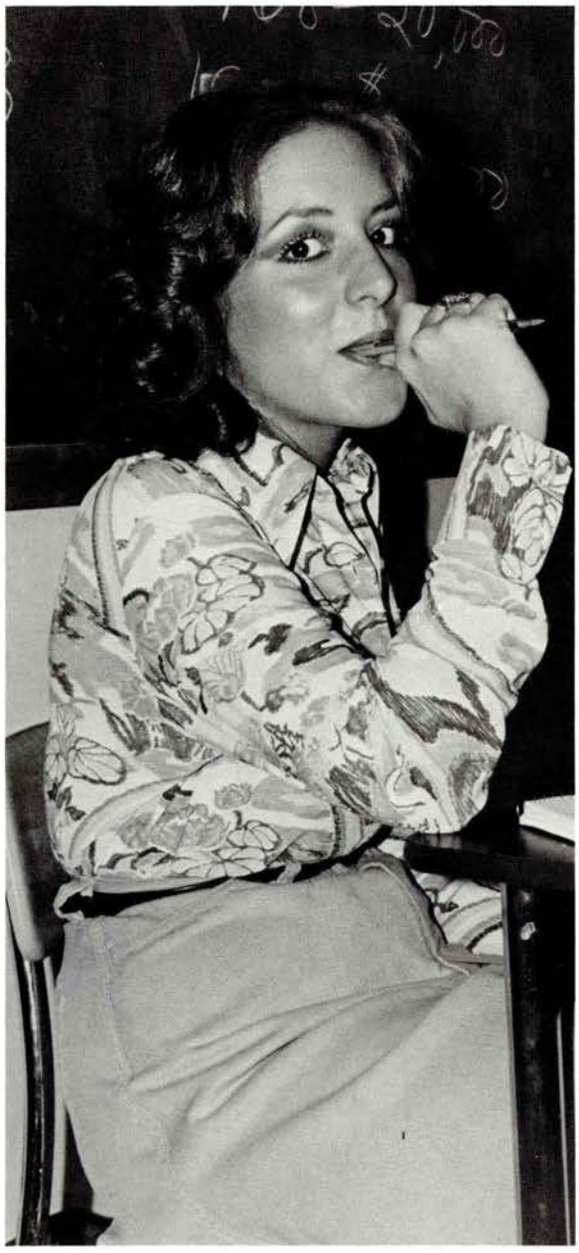

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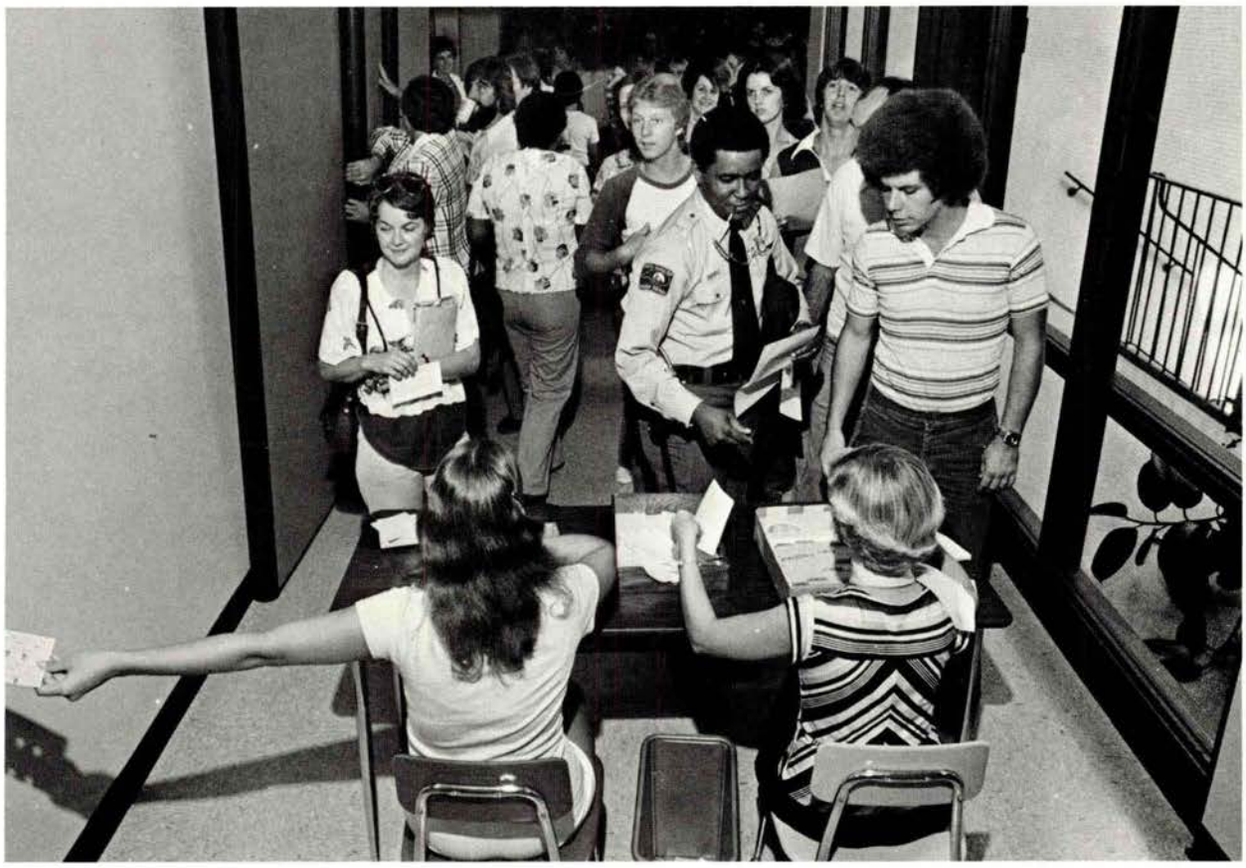
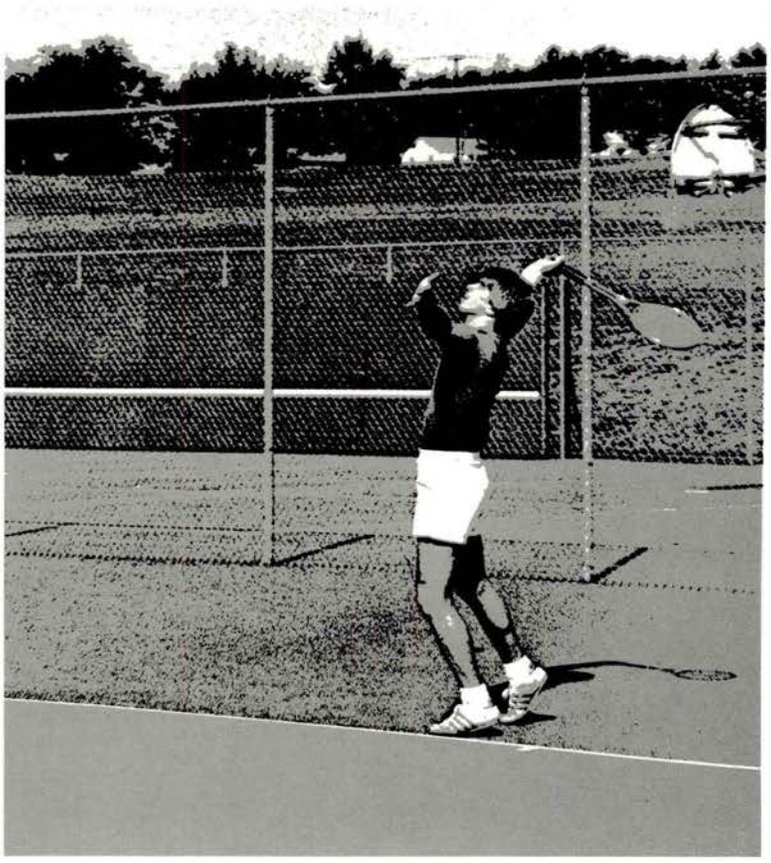
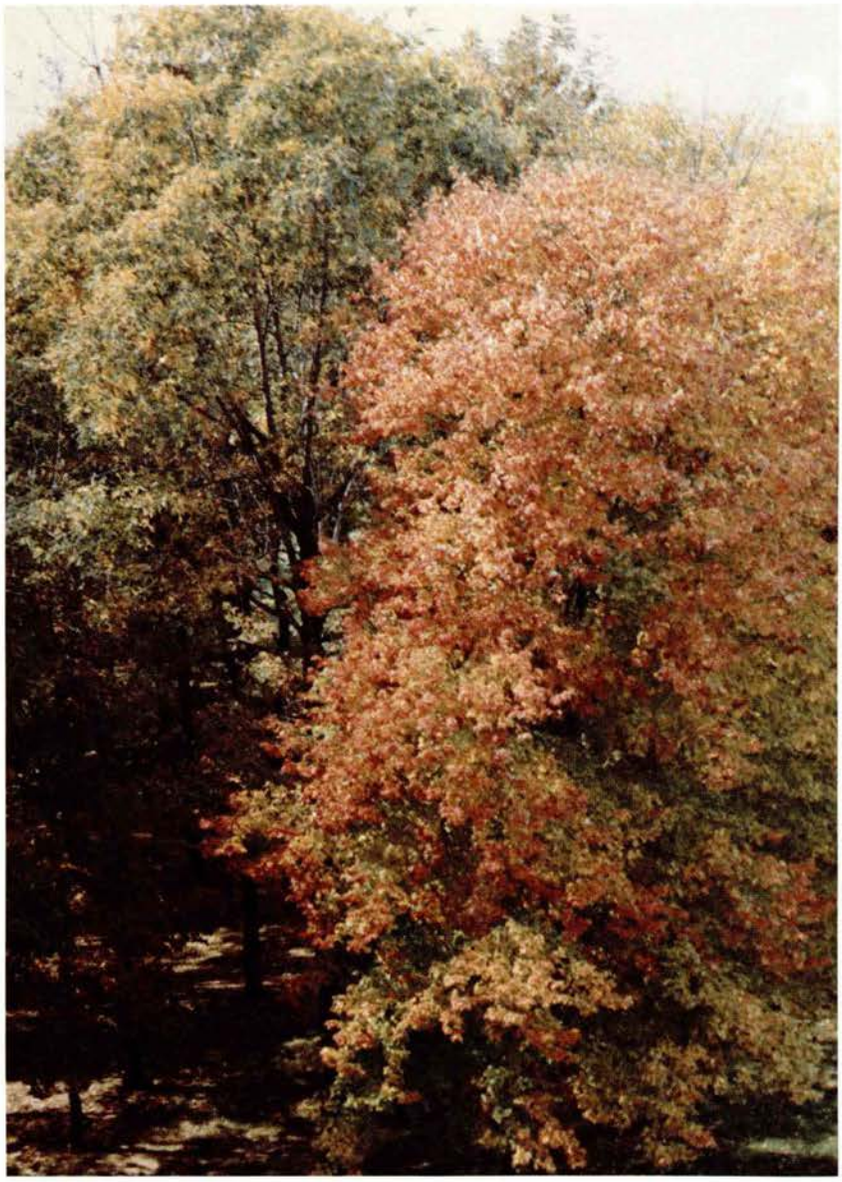
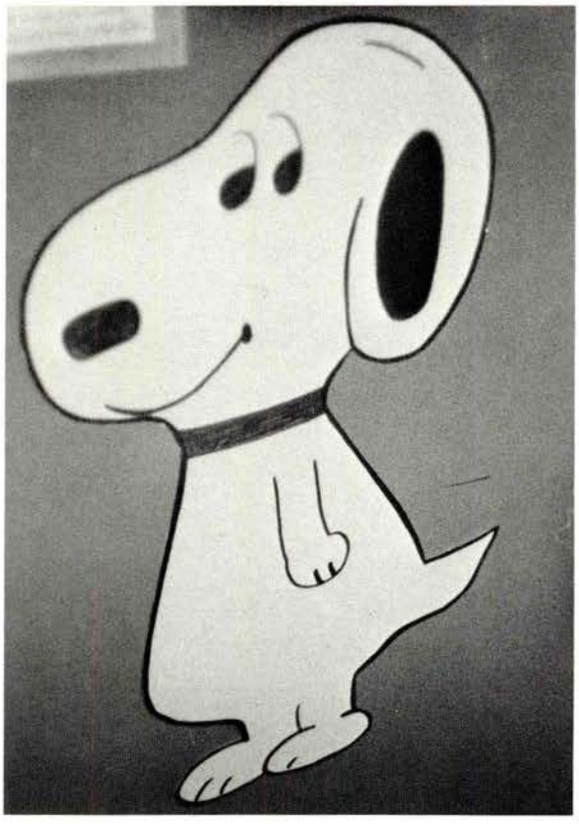






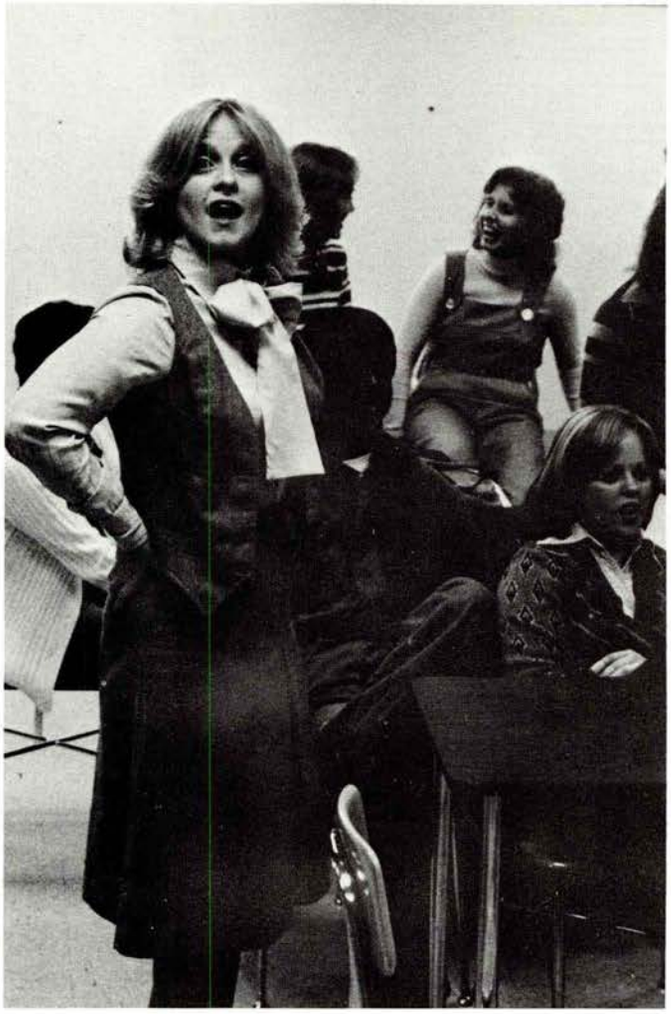
"To everything there
is a season"

Notes from the Advisor

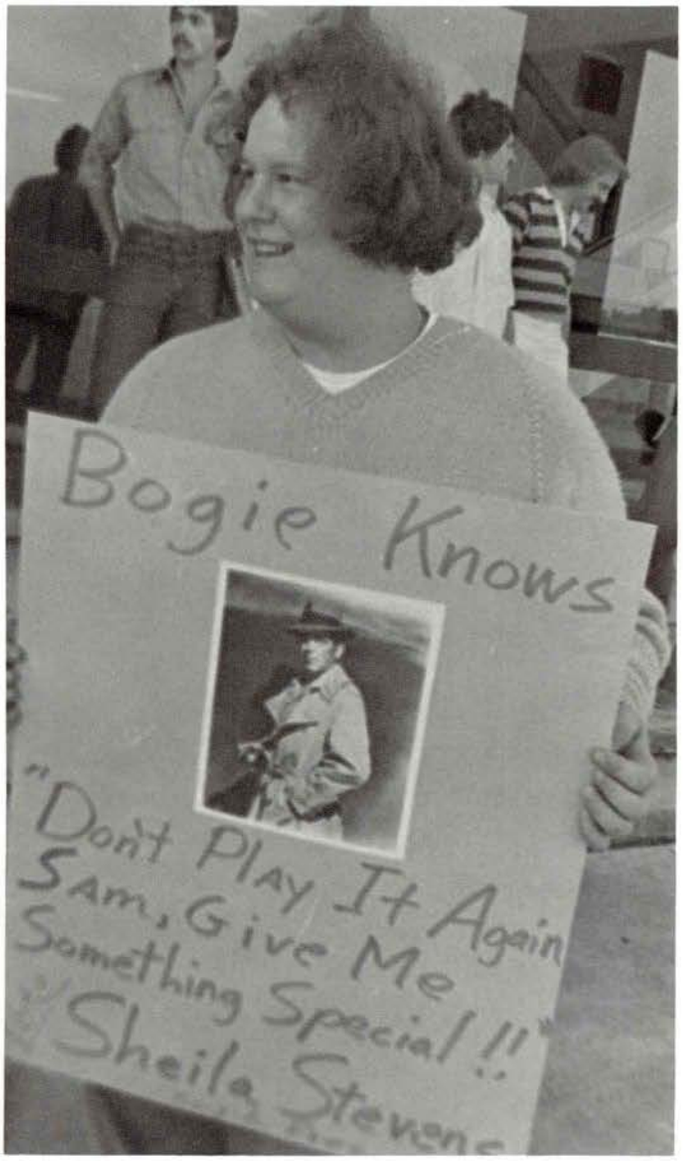


"people can be divided into three categories: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened."
— on a drexel junior high school bulletin board

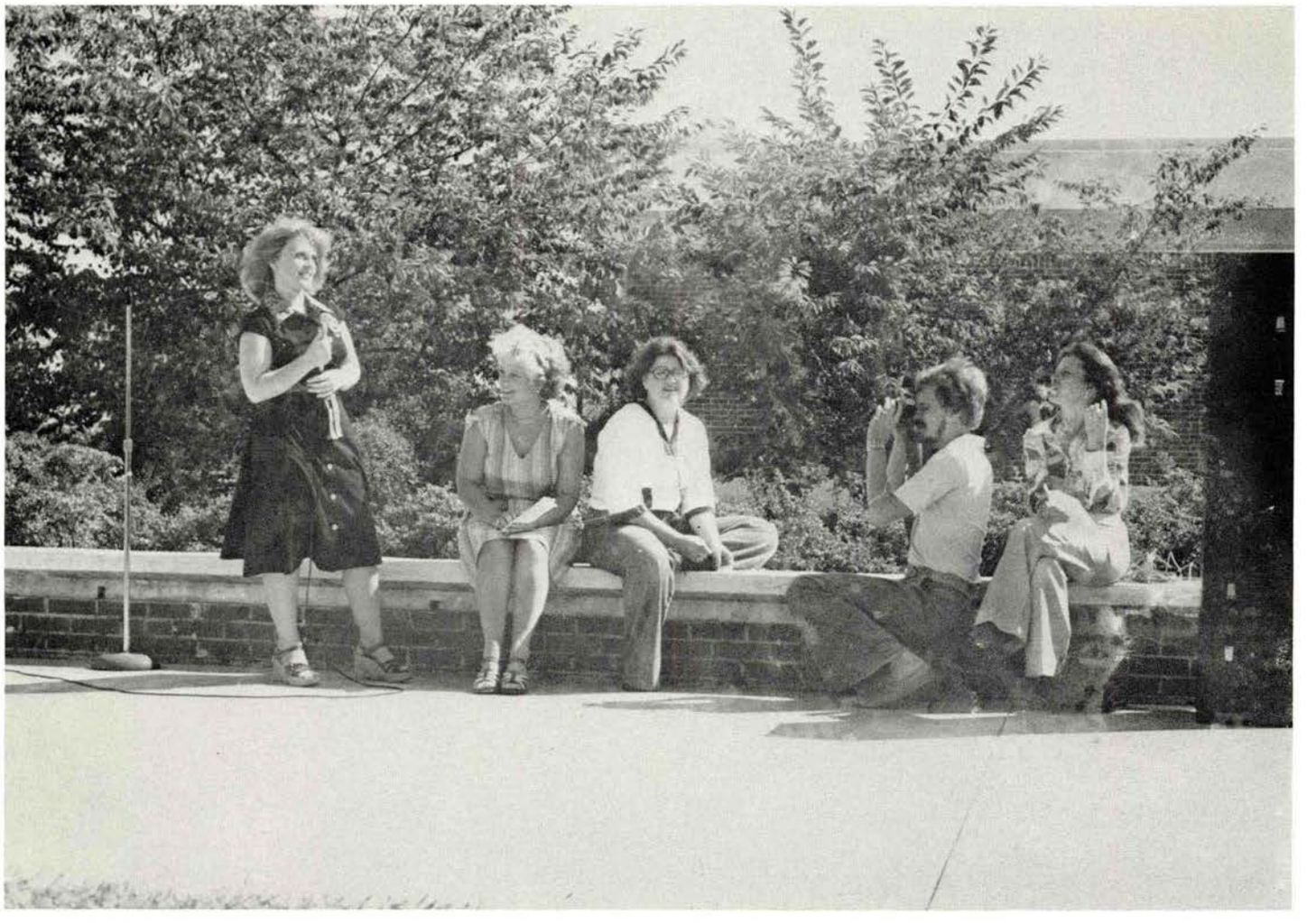
somewhere in the midst of a yearbook the advisor sneaks in a page, and tells who really did the work. gibran well said, "work is love made visible." this yearbook is the "love made visible" of many people, working tirelessly against heavy odds to get it done. special thanks to the advisory board: chris, tim, bob, and debbie & sheila who literally worked their — off to make the deadlines. special thanks to mike mckinney and john manning for photography, and mary carswell for saving our necks.

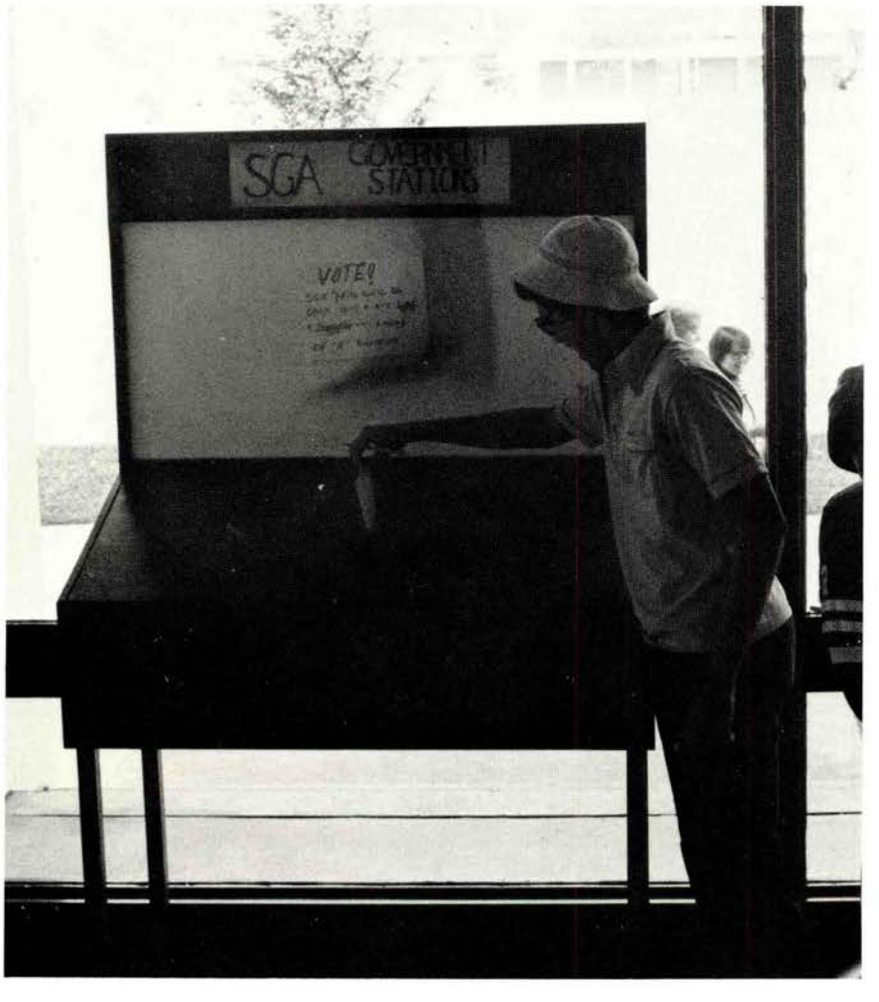


election '77
me, president?



shelia stevens being sworn in as president by ken clark, with dr. gordon blank looking on.





who are you voting for . . . election jitters . . . campaign posters . . . speeches . . . a look to the future

MS. WPCC BEAUTY PAGEANT

1. judy clark

2. barbara cuthbertson

3. linda cox

4. sylvia arney

5. mary oates

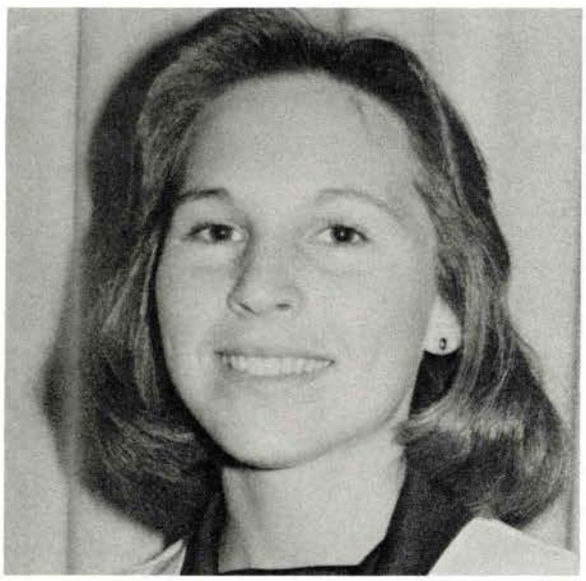
6. naomi anderson

1. jolene faw

2. gloria burleson

3. edith stamey

4. debbie duckworth



5. debbie crowe

6. cara wilkerson

LIGHTS . . . CAMERA . . .

ACTION!!

1. sally impastato

2. betty williams

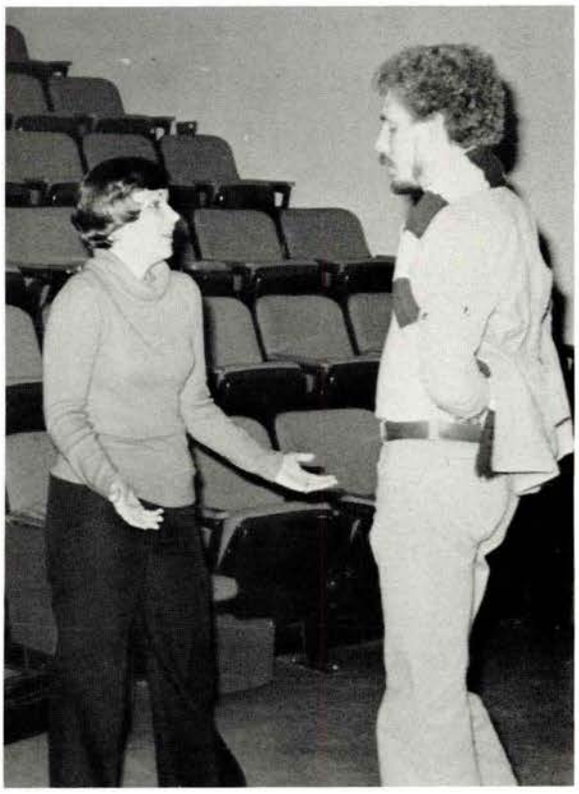
3. connie cooper

4. peggy woodie

5. karen goff

6. cathi edwards

7. robin whisnant



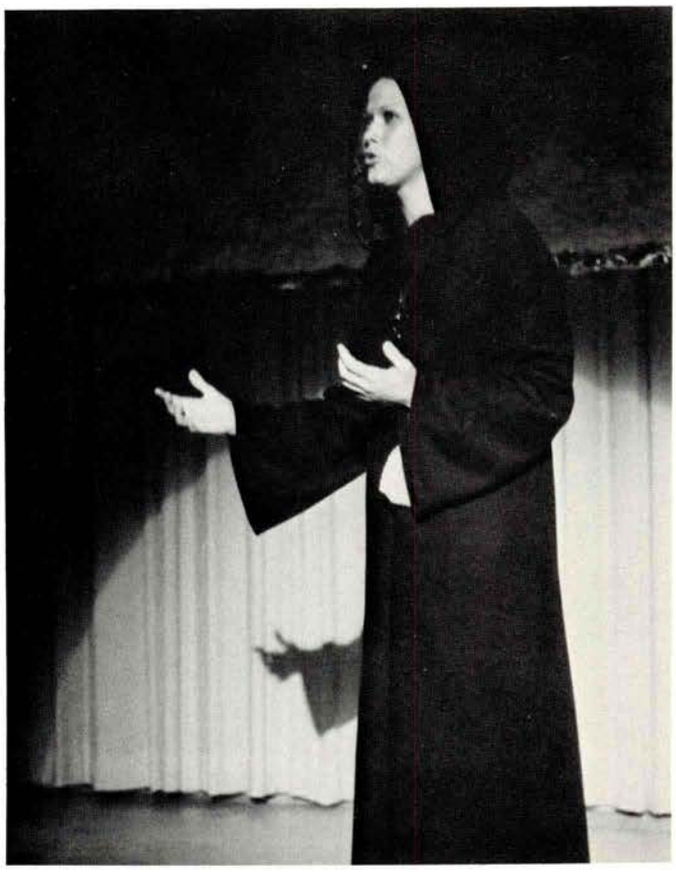
talent . . . poise . . . personality . . . butterflies in stomach . . . i hope i don't trip over my gown . . . smile for the judges . . . does my hair and make-up look alright

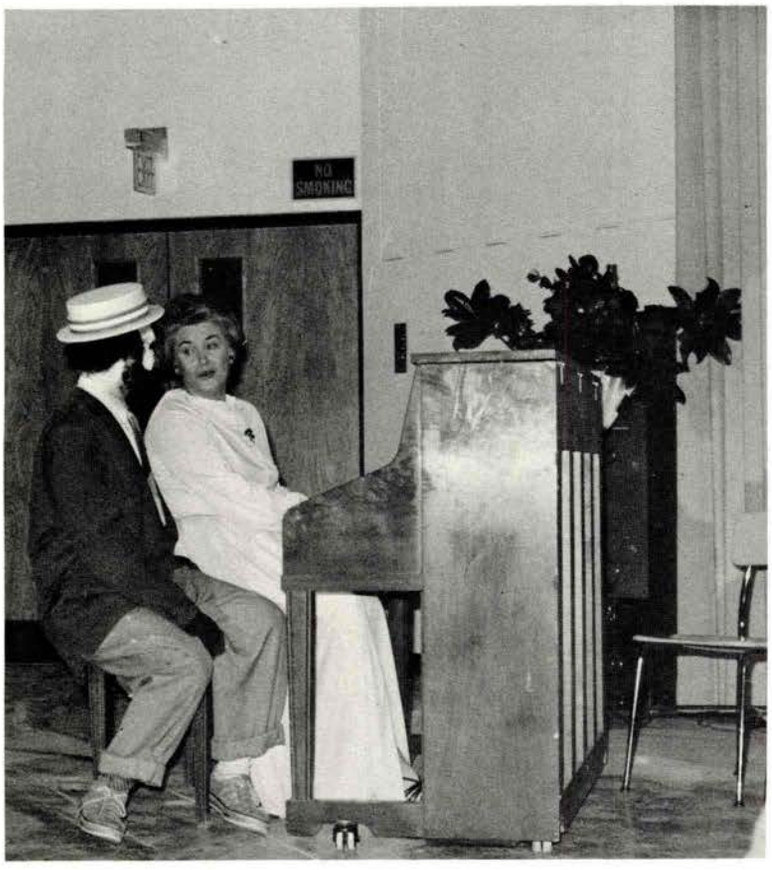
this year we saw the beginning of a new tradition at western piedmont — an annual beauty pageant

the first ms. wpcc eleanor marxen being crowned by jaynie israel and mitch butts.

mary oates — ms. congeniality

first runner up gloria burleson, ms. wpcc eleanor marxen, and second runner up, peggy woodie

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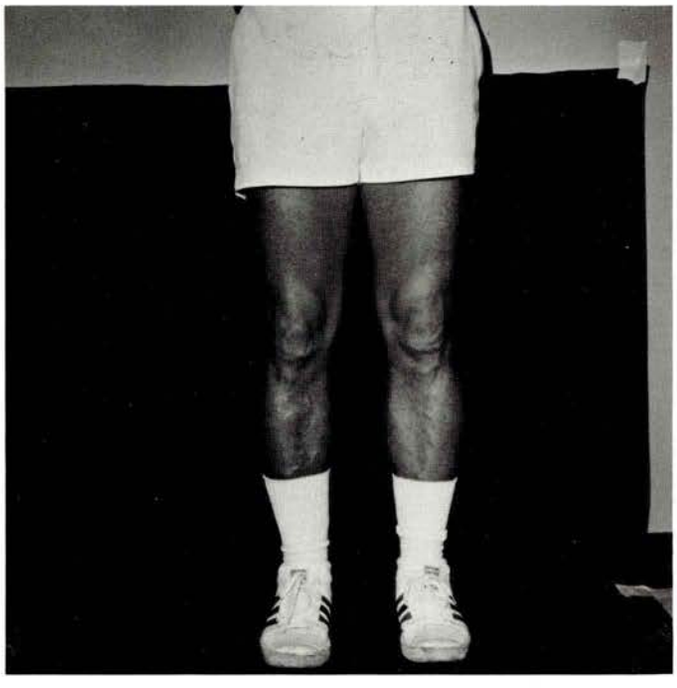
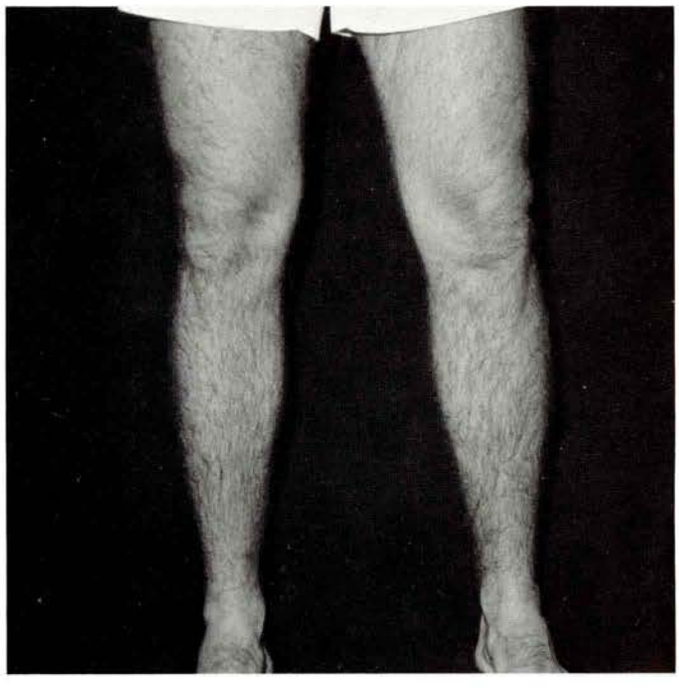
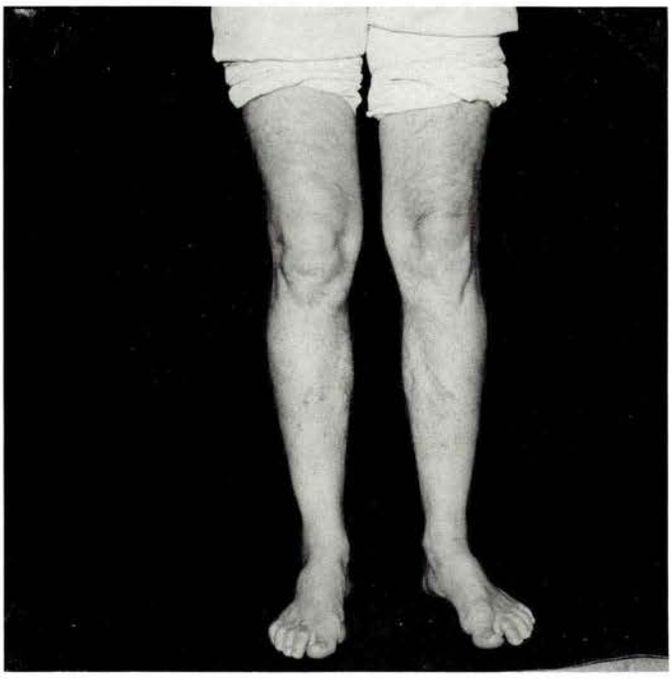


chuck galyon, 1st place



jim burnett, second place



earl duncan, third place

mental health association's legs contest / / / look at those legs / / / i'll give 10¢ on contestant #13

IN APPRECIATION

many people have sought for the answer to the question, "why have students been more involved this year at piedmont?" some have found the answer in the new building with "space" for students; others find the answer in a combination of circumstances such as a great group of students working in sga this year, or the help of nancy moore, bev mcclure, or dick morgan. but the real answer can be found in the dynamic leadership of sheila stevens. capable in every crisis; considerate of every person; fair to both sides of a conflict; diligent to the second mile; sheila, we salute you and express our appreciation to you and dedicate this poem to you:

— the staff —

Reflections

In eyes
there is beauty
not found in words
Soft
clear expressions
surrounded by light
Slowly contracting
in the warmth of our days
and growing
in the depths of our nights
Opening up new worlds before us
as vividly as a good camera lens
properly set and focused.
Your eyes
find mine
sometimes in our sessions
Looking
with you
into the future
While
catching glimpses
of a darkened past
that blurs sometimes in a flash,
Silently
you expose hidden feelings
Through unspoken language
we share the moment
Awed
by the power of sight and reflections
which will continue — clear
in our lasting memories
through fading years
Like treasured pictures
carefully framed
firmly pressed
and preserved under glass.

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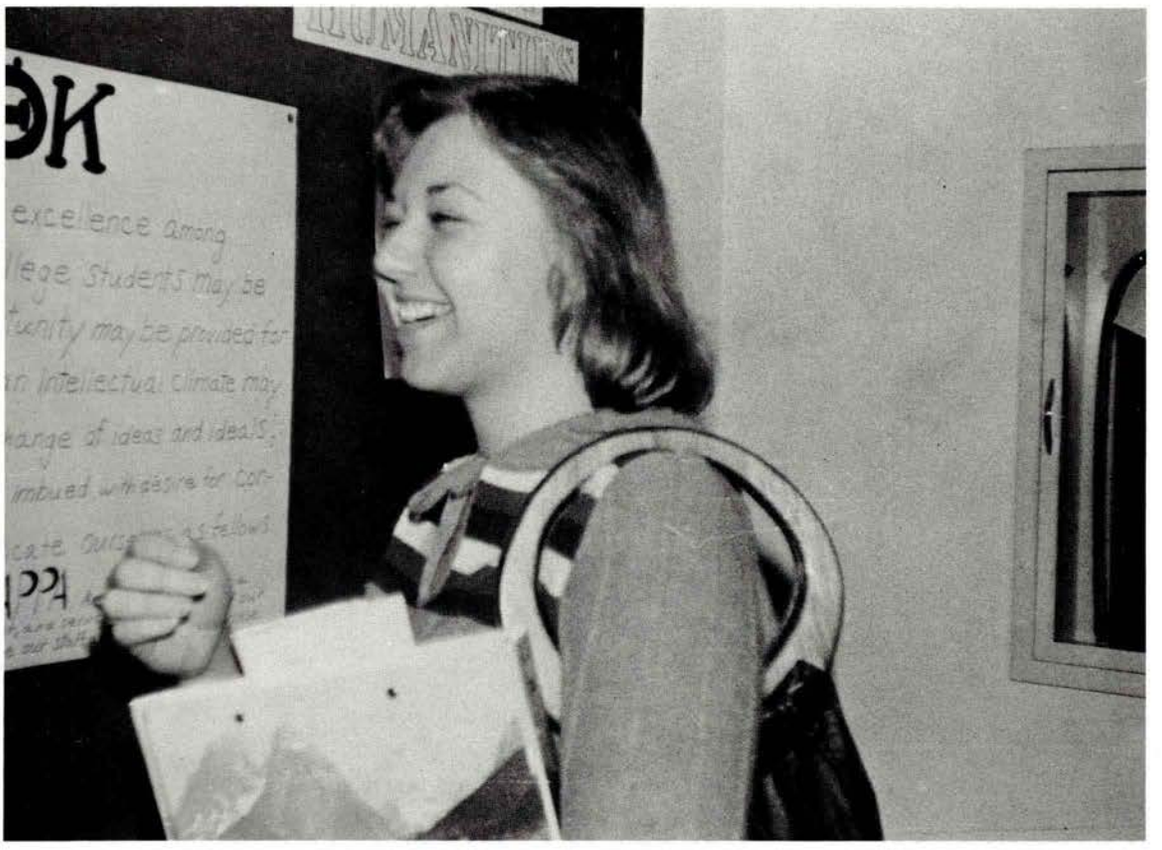
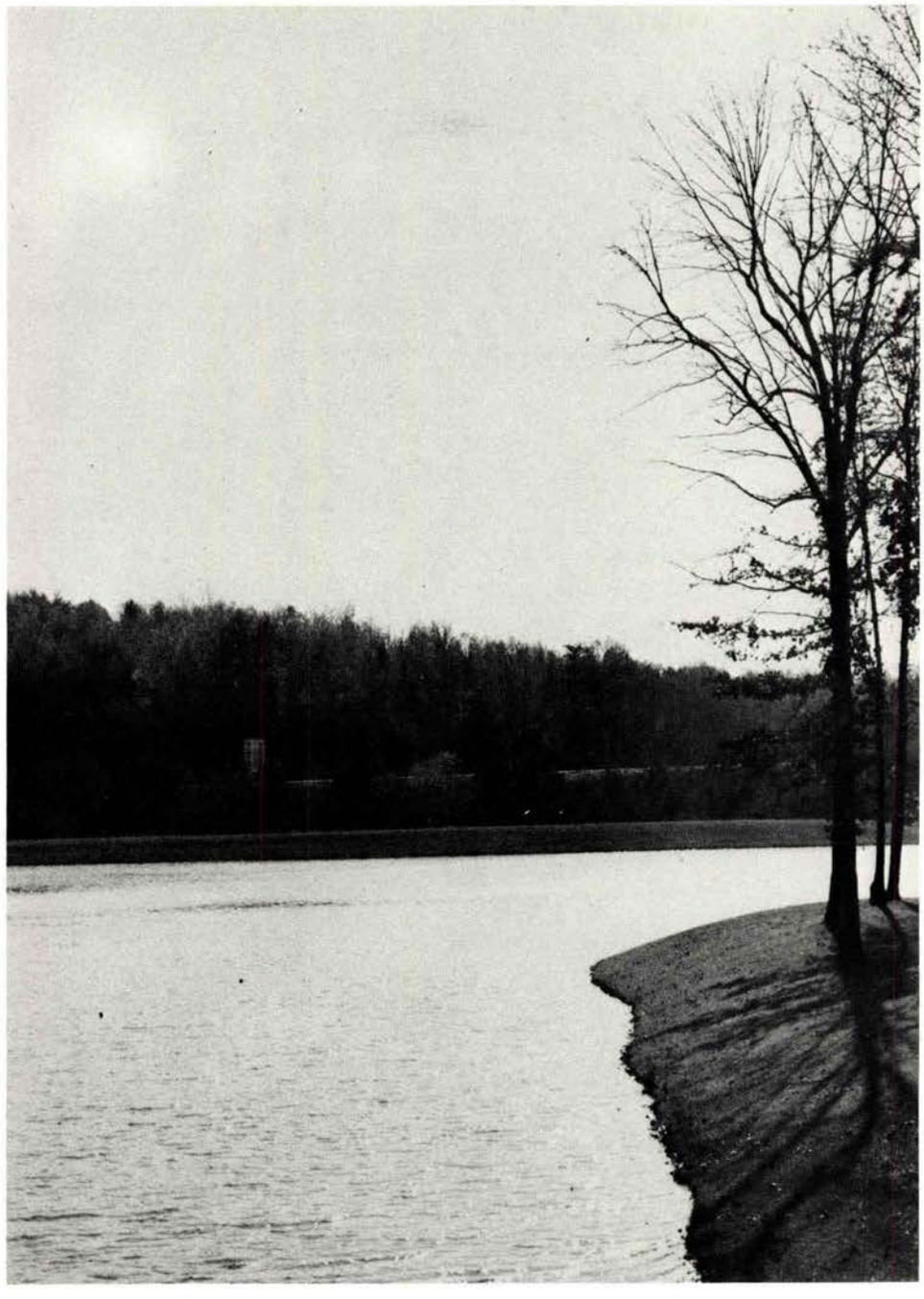
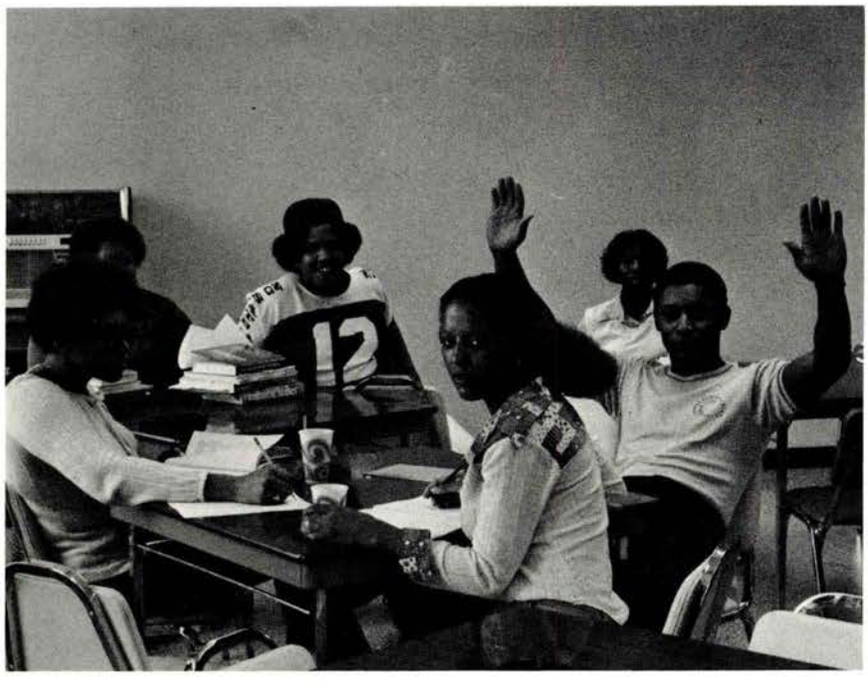
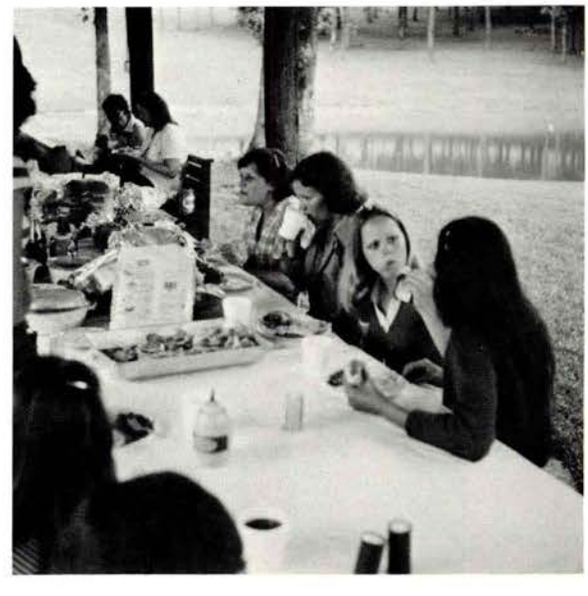
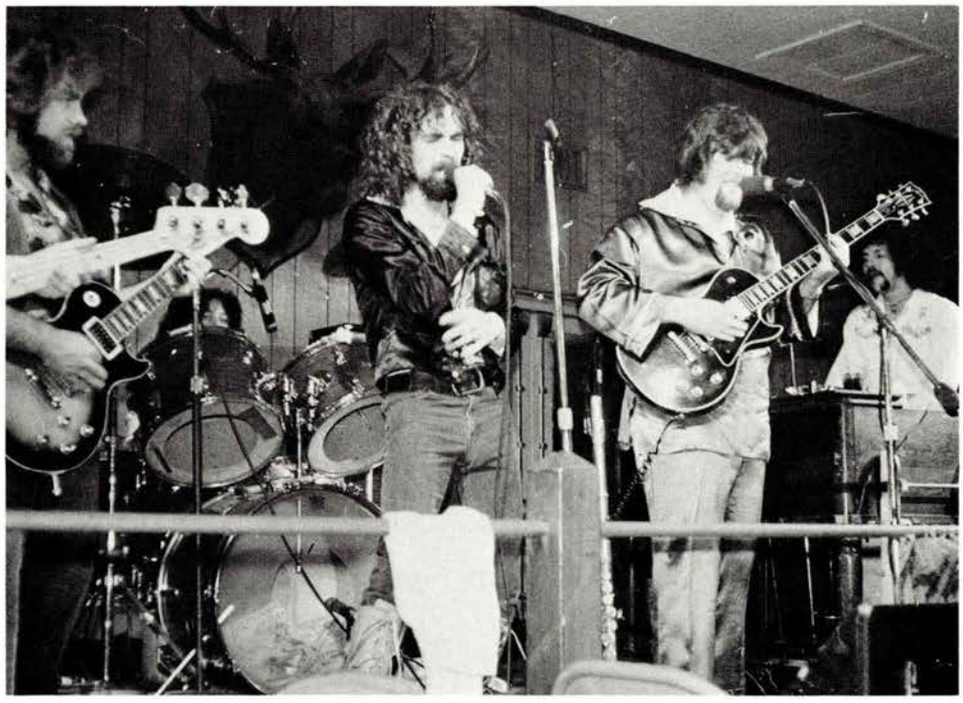


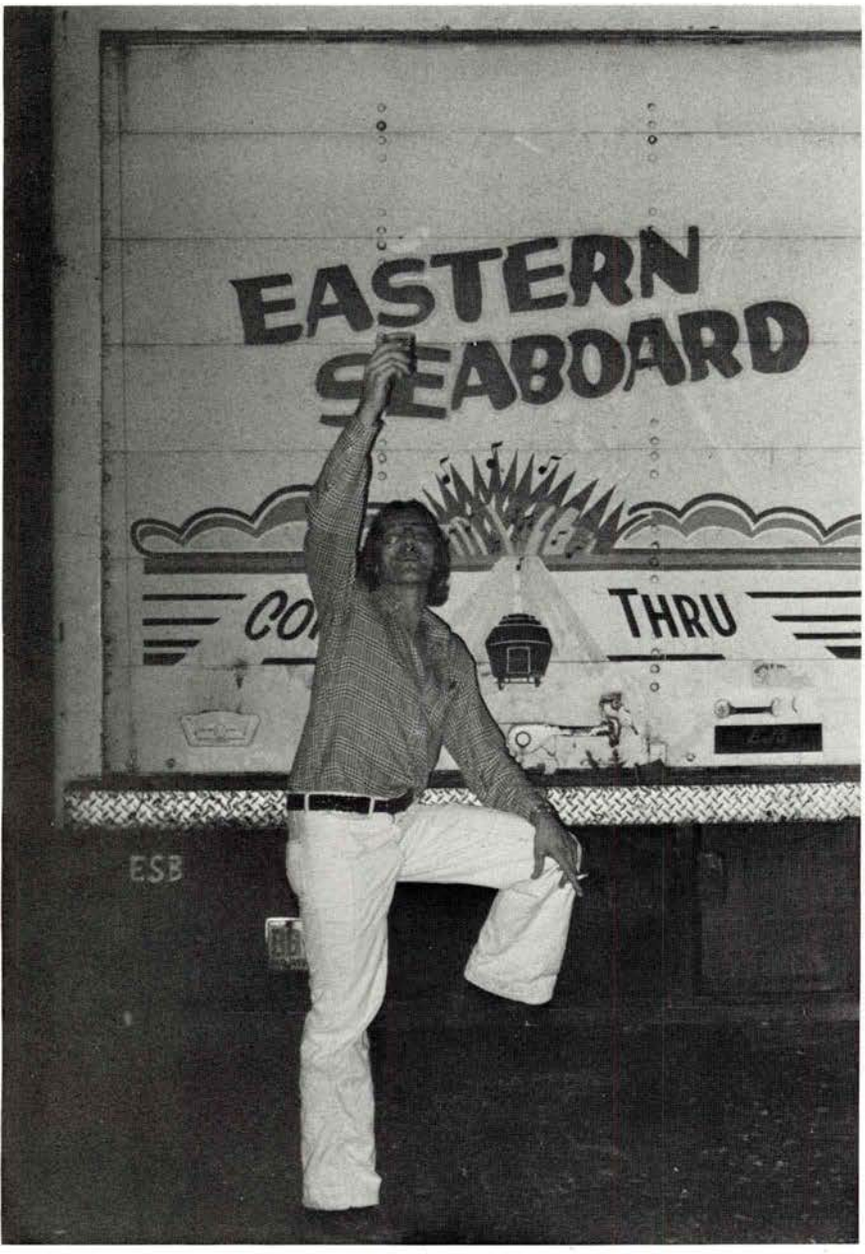






WPCC CHRISTMAS DANCE

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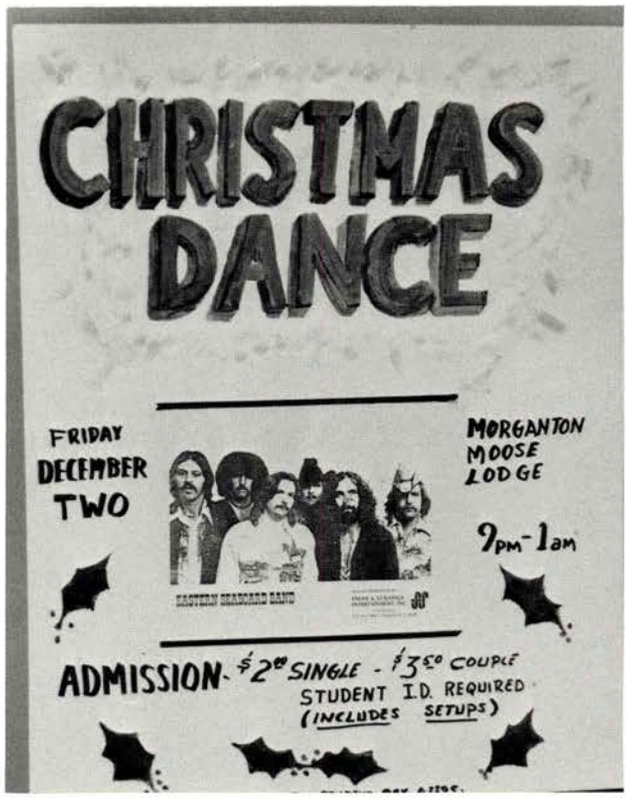
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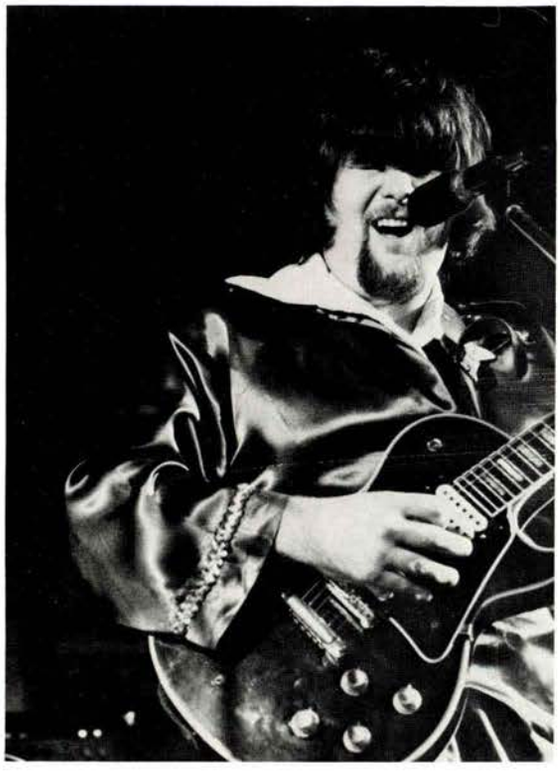

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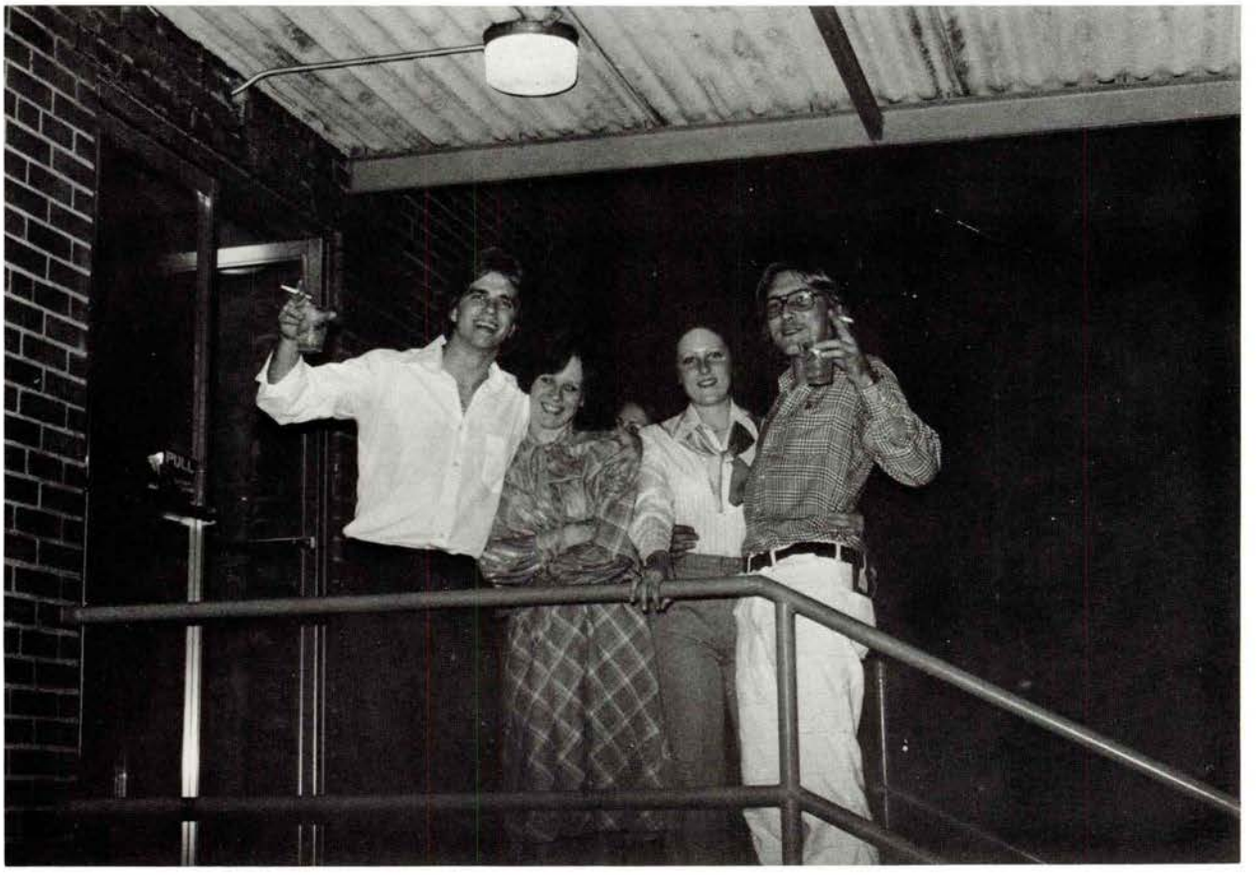

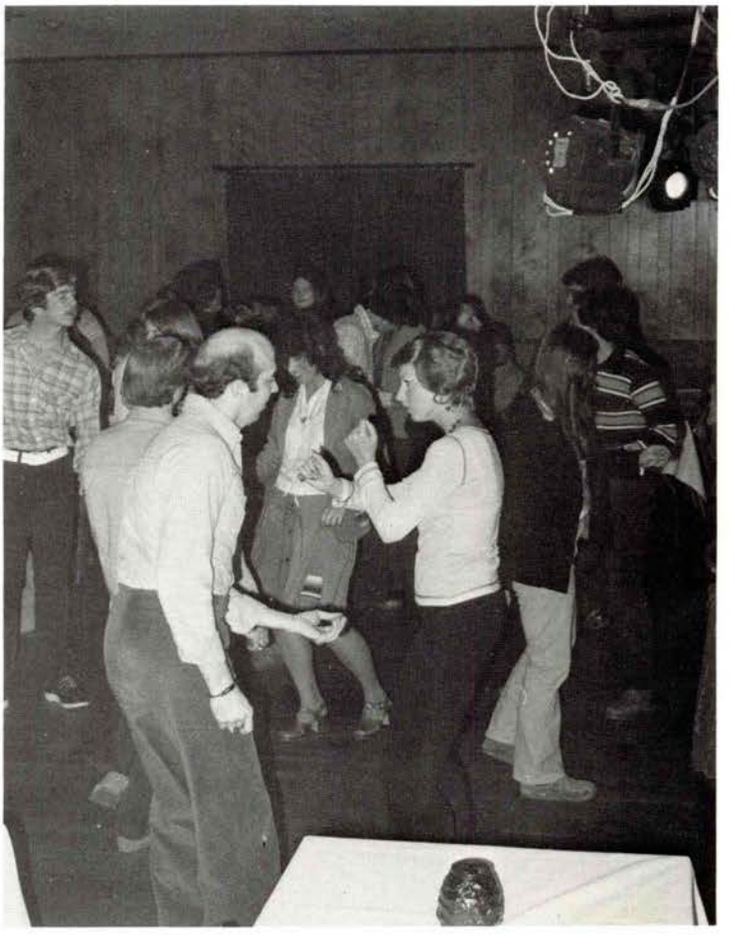

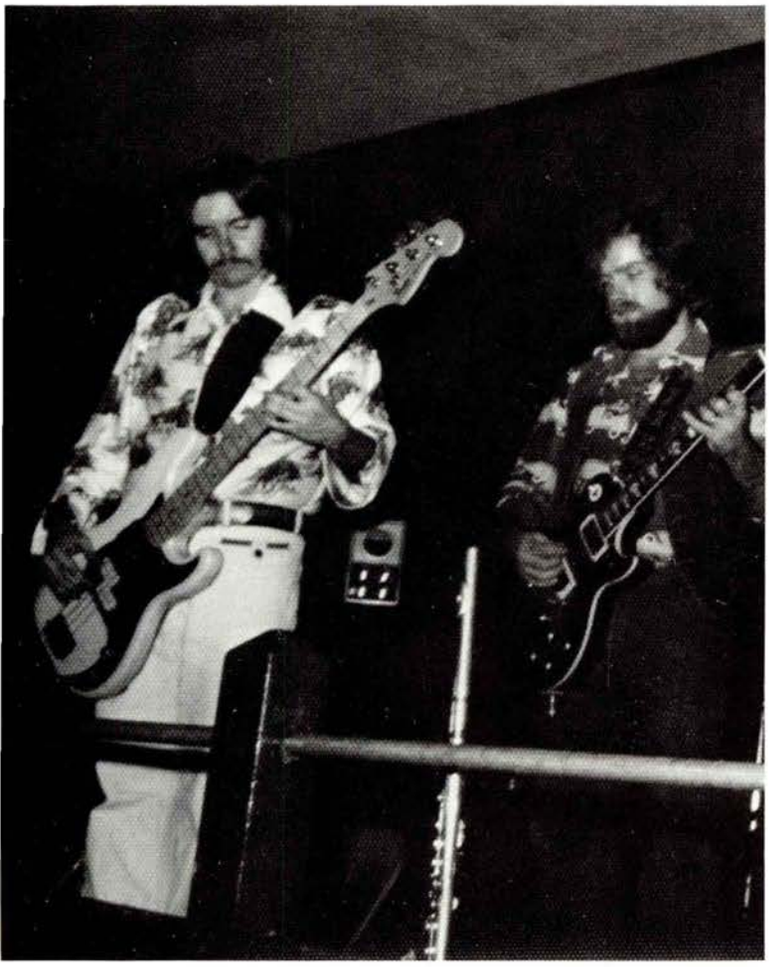

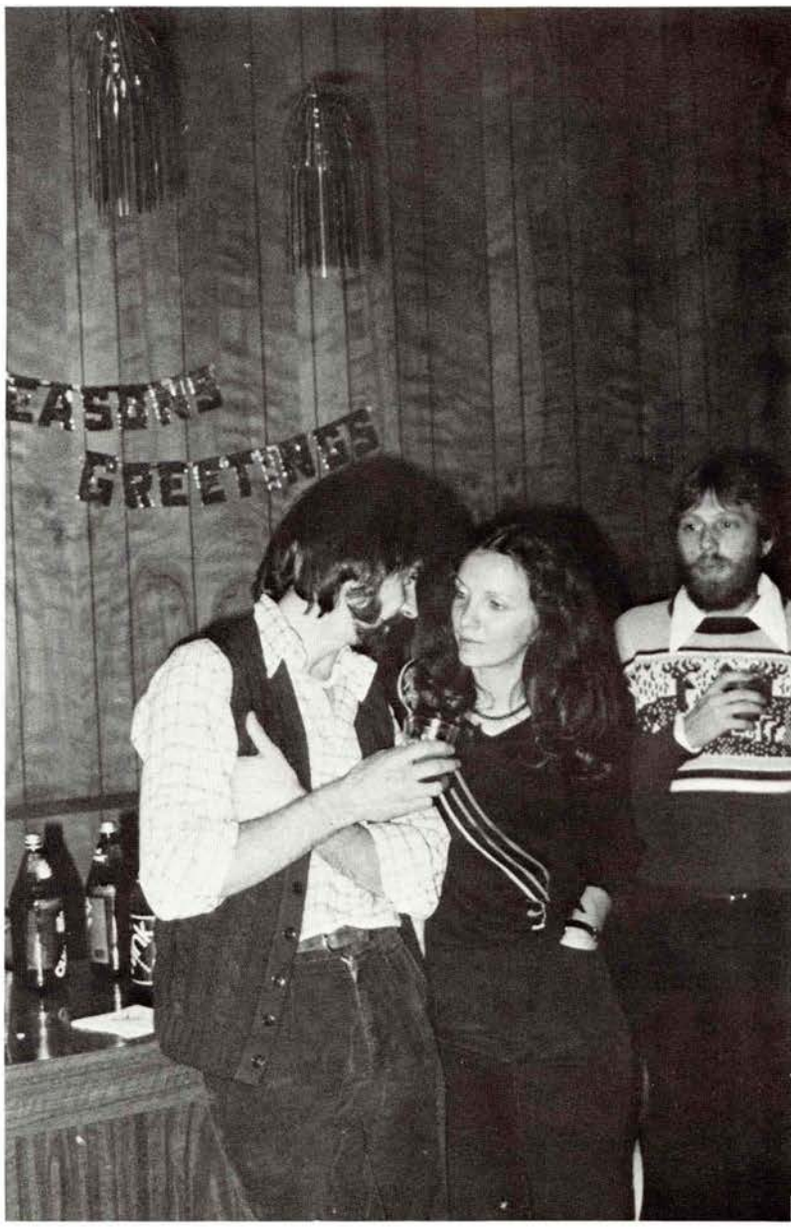
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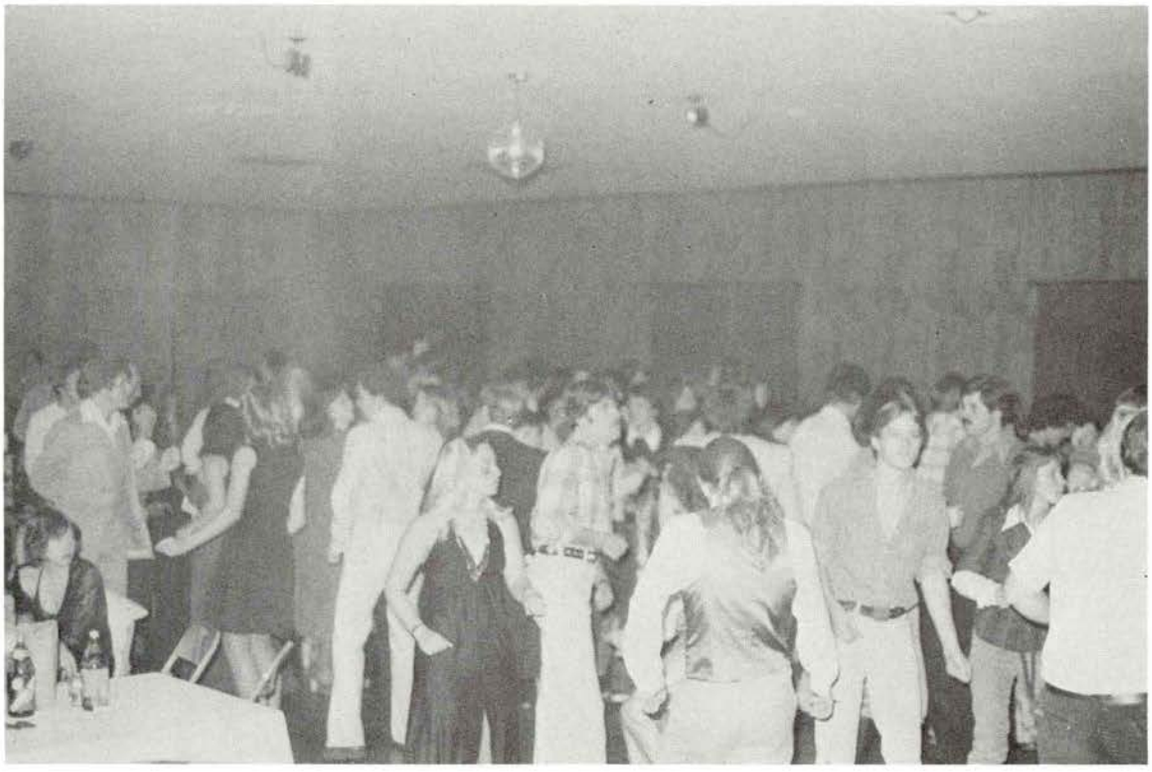

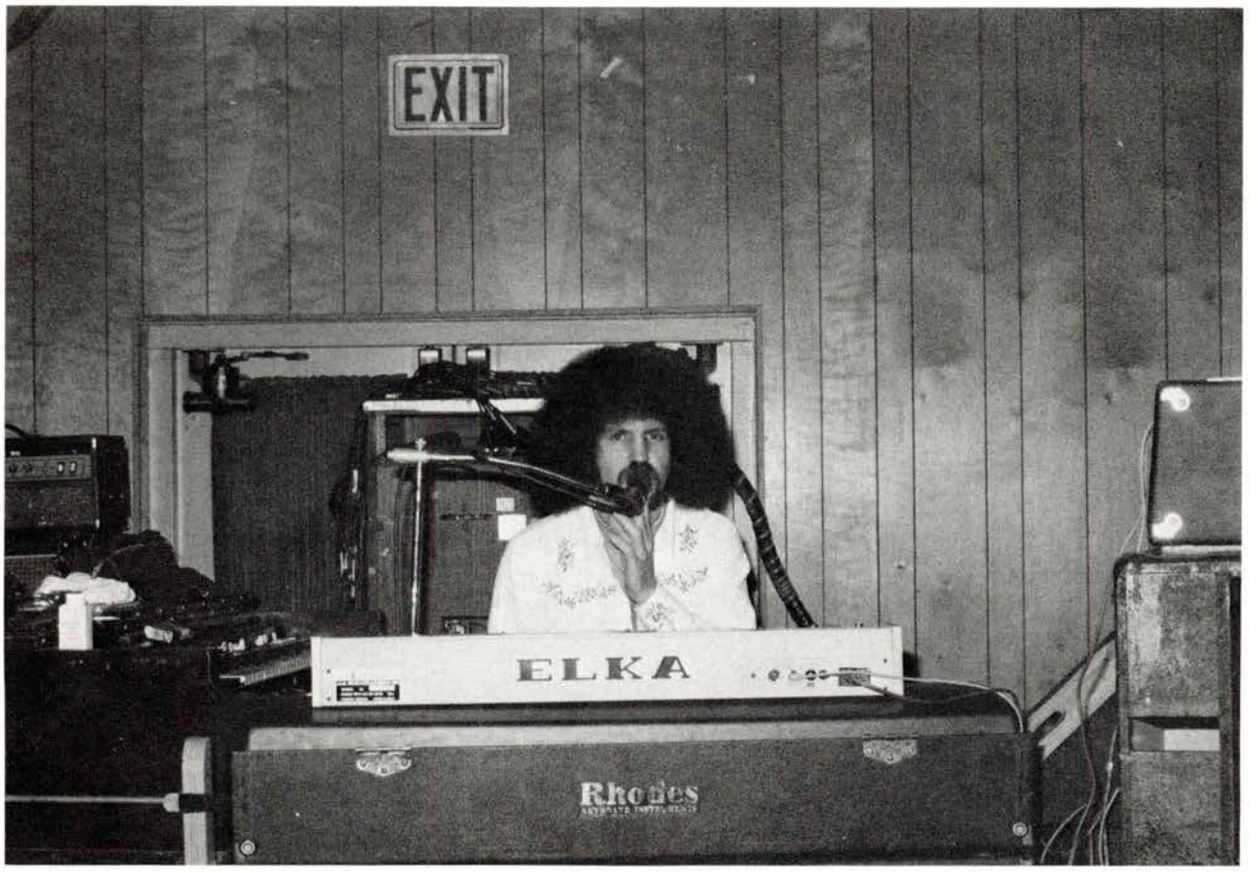
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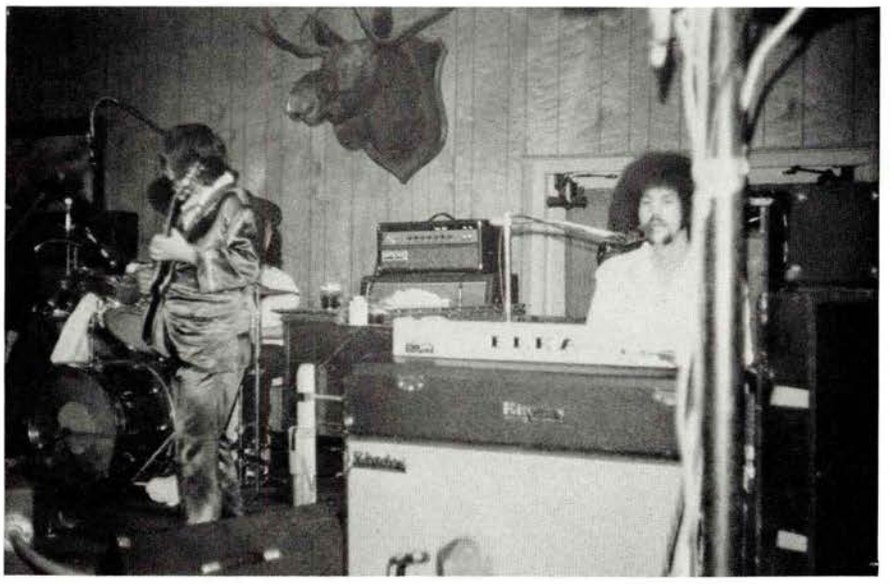

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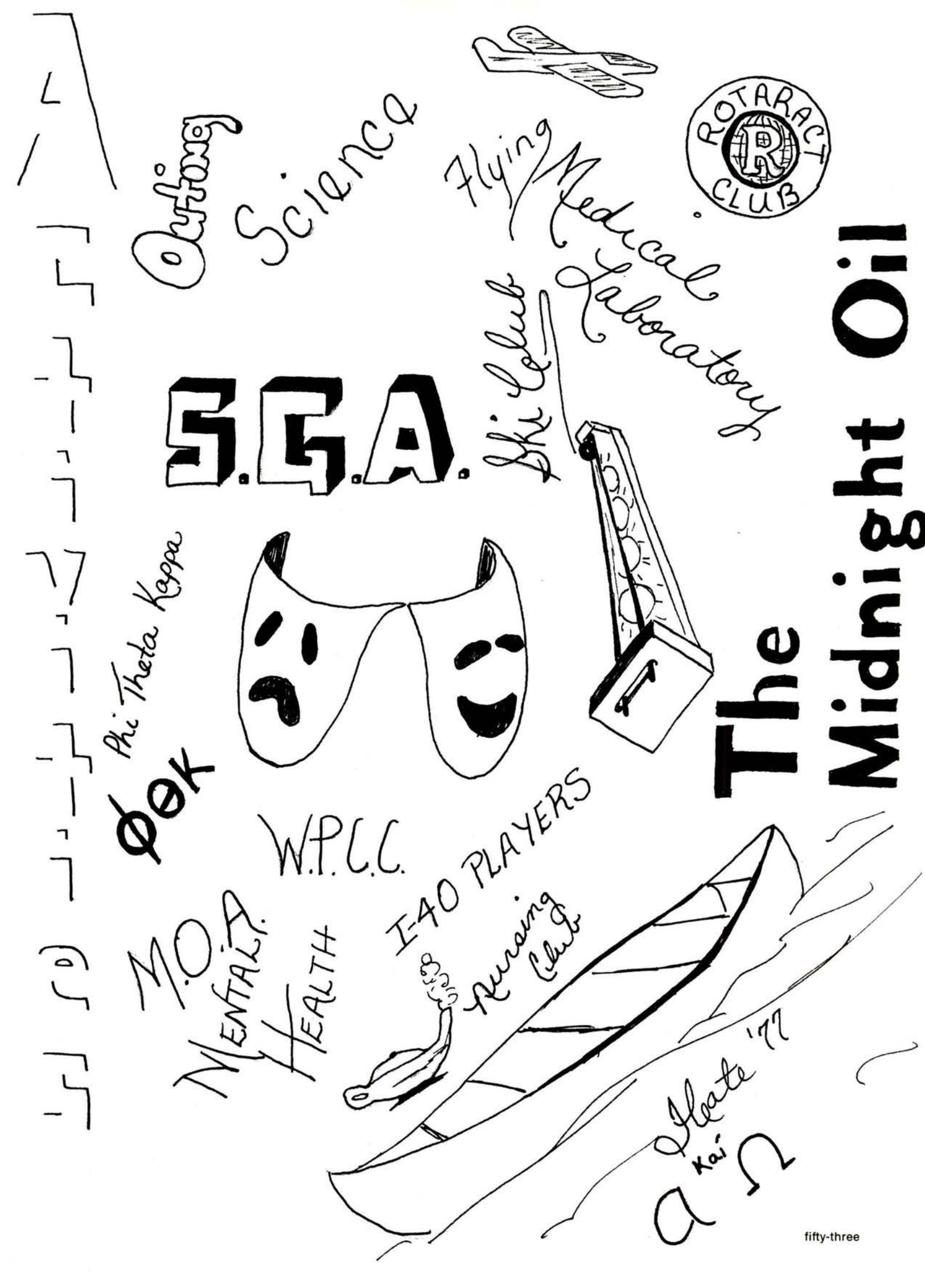
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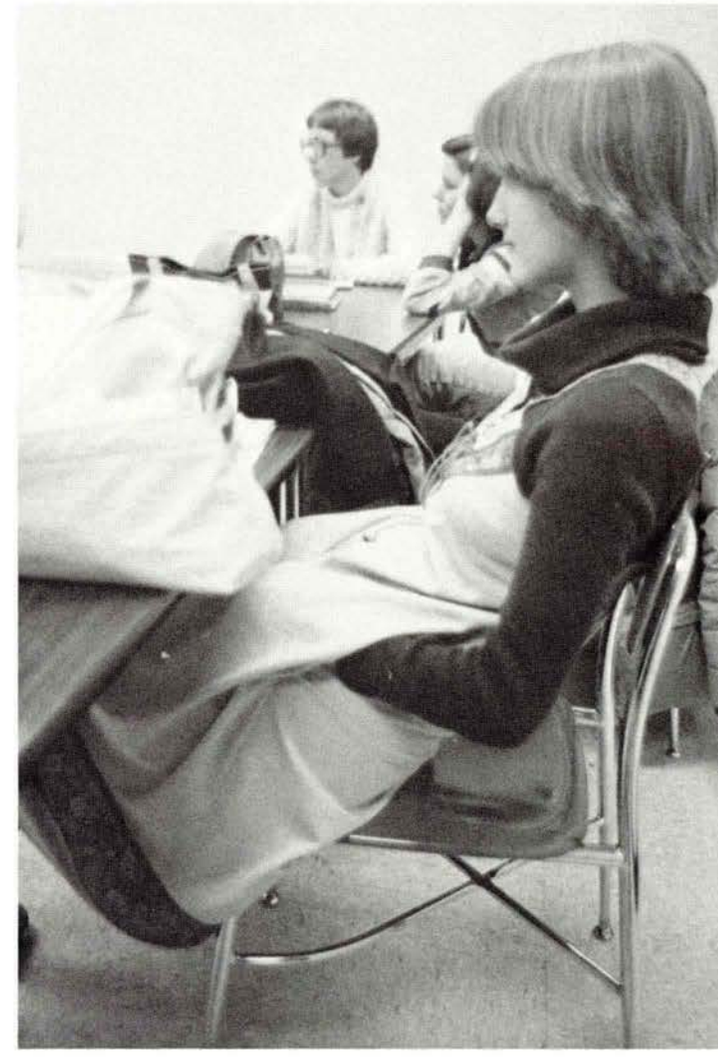
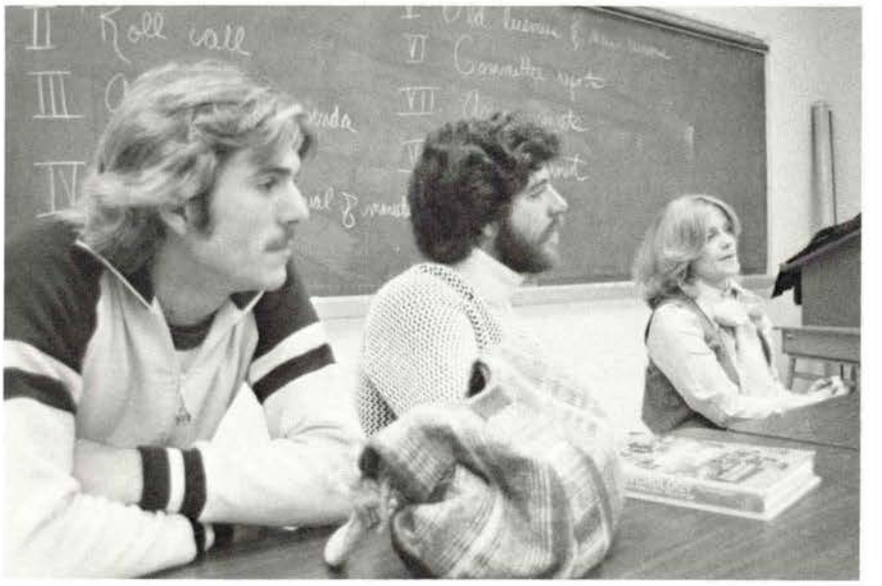
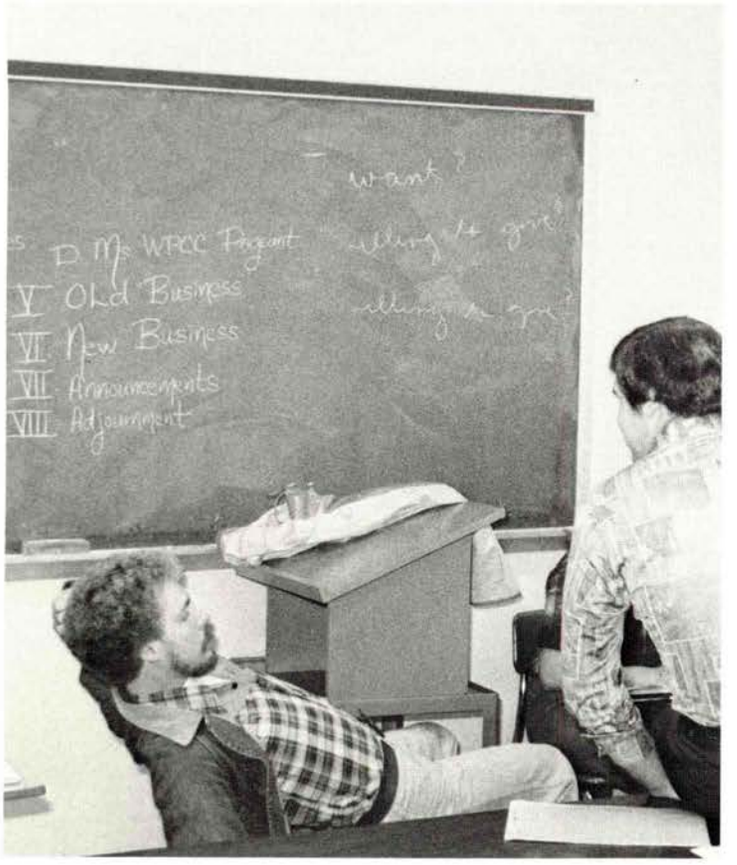
SGA

student government officers and senators brainstorm the upcoming calendar year at w.p.c.c.



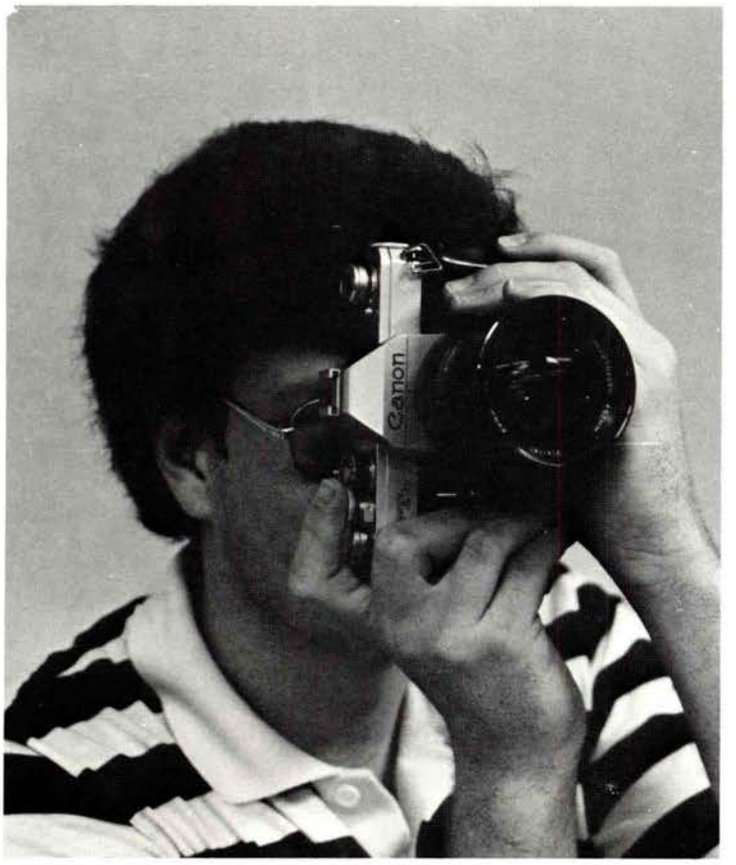




above two basketball players, danny cook and greg baird, pleading their case to sga
left, mr. butts ponders on the pageant and its promotion.

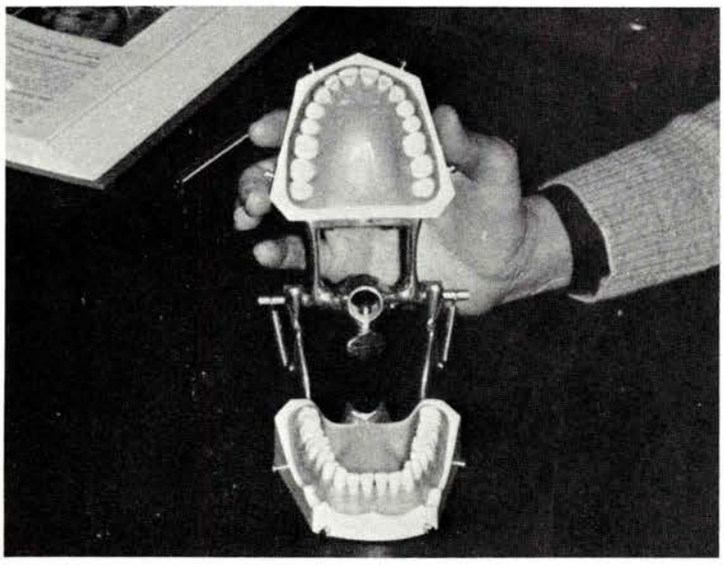
Annual Staff

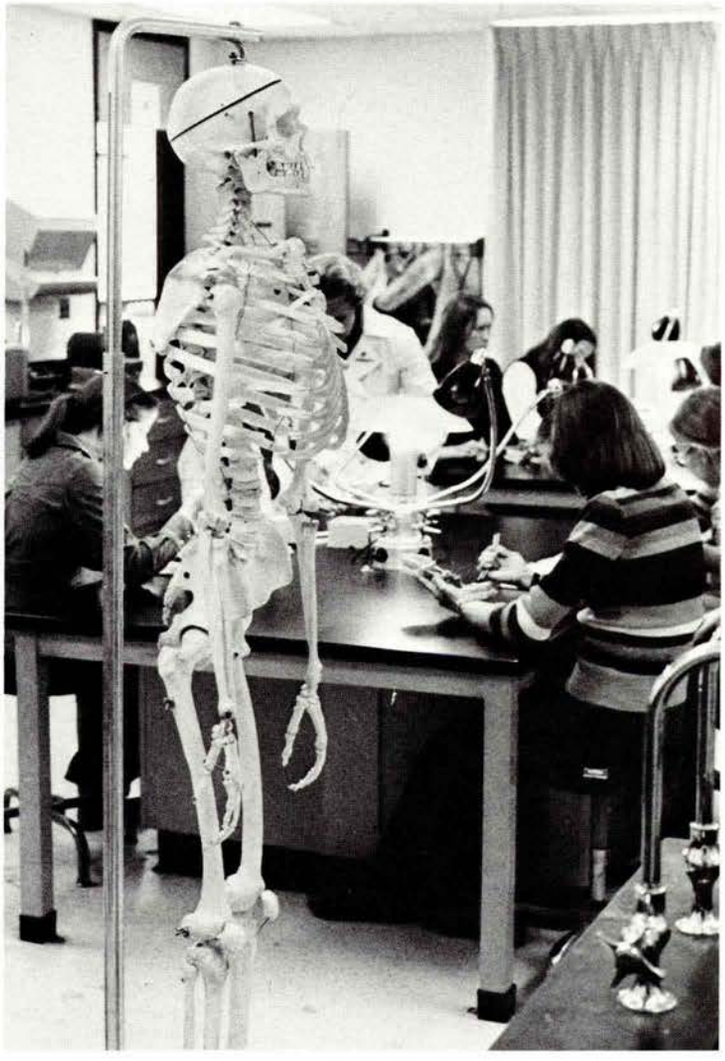
top, annual staff member attempts to retrieve one of tim skidmore's rolls of film.
right, this poor gentleman is under the misconception that these pictures are for french post-cards. (sheila, edith, libby, robin, bob, paula)



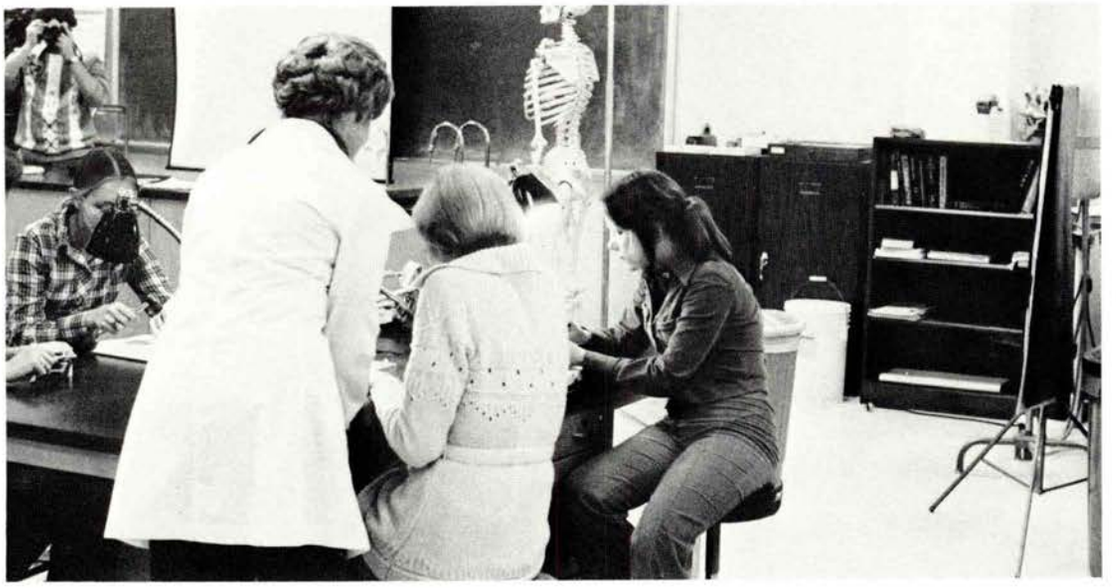
top, four staff members attempting to prepare a revealing pose. middle, this guy is in obvious anguish. hang in there!
bottom, garrison, you'll probably have a permanent squint before this is over.

Dental Assistants

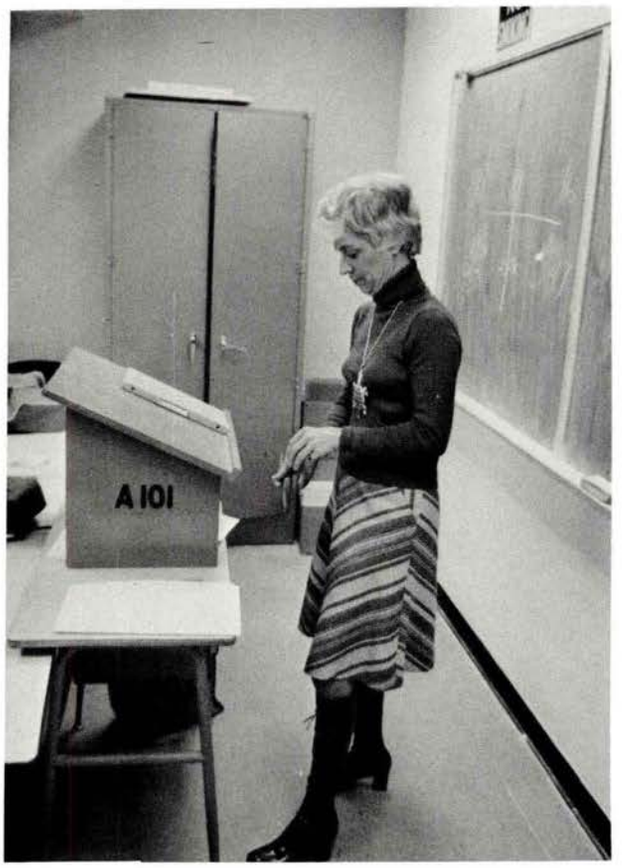




top, alright girls, let's see those incisors.
right, this guy has definitely waited too long for his braces.

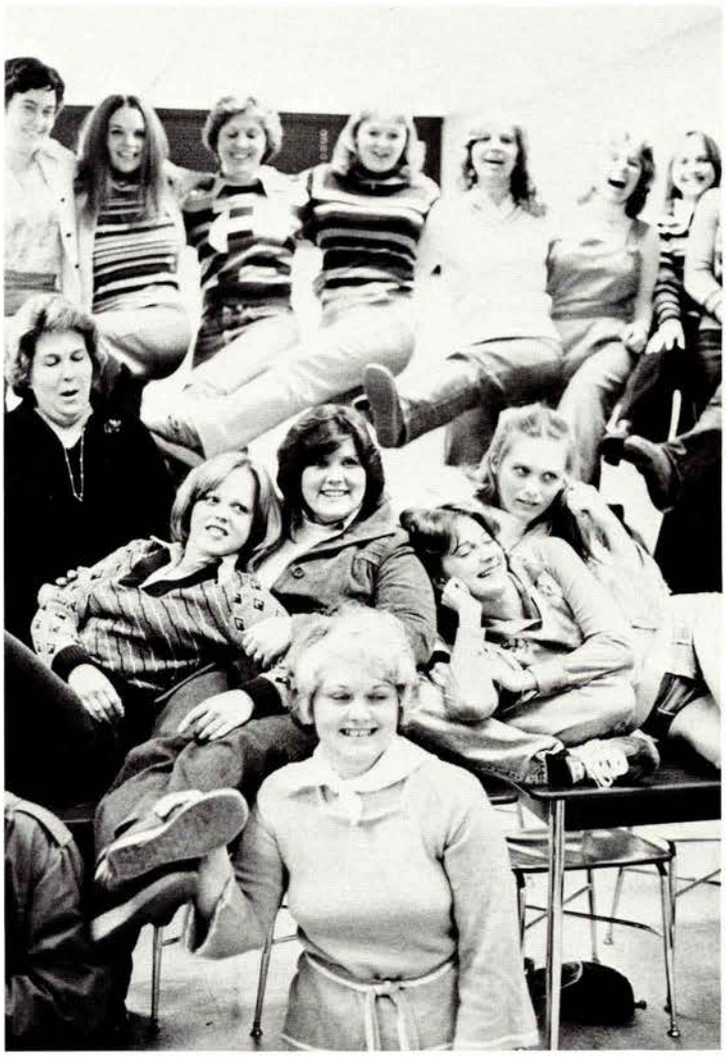


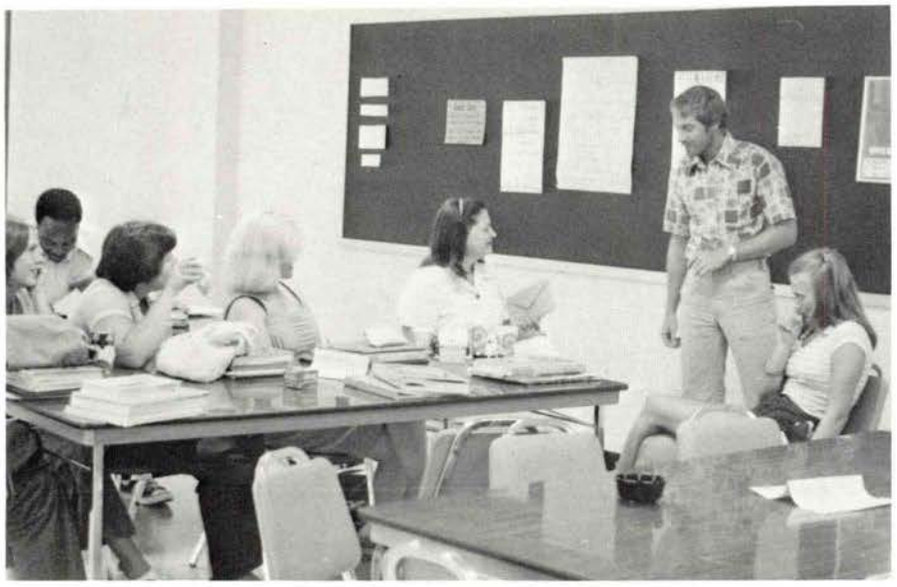
in lab there are so many aspects to consider about the bucal cavity.



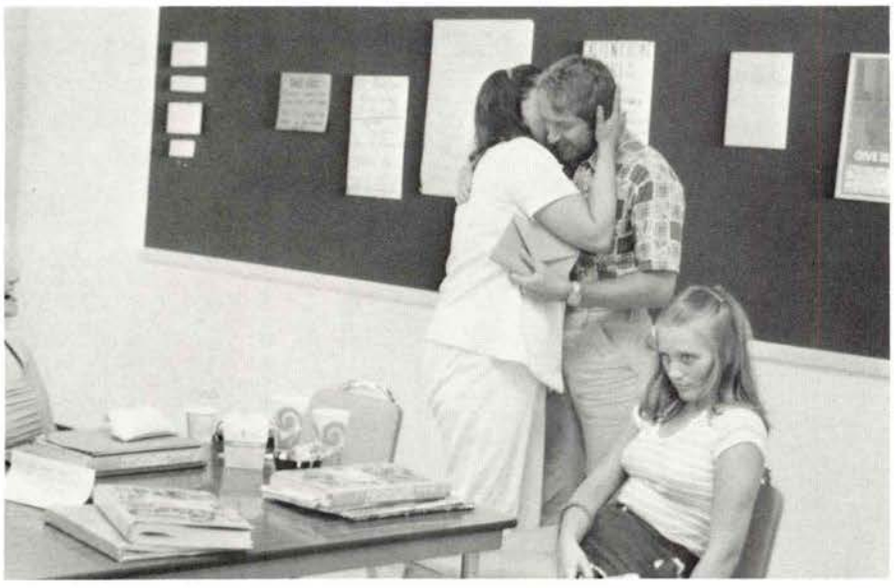
Human Services

top, this girl giving the hi-sign is striking a very "human" pose.
right, appears as though we've interrupted a therapy session.

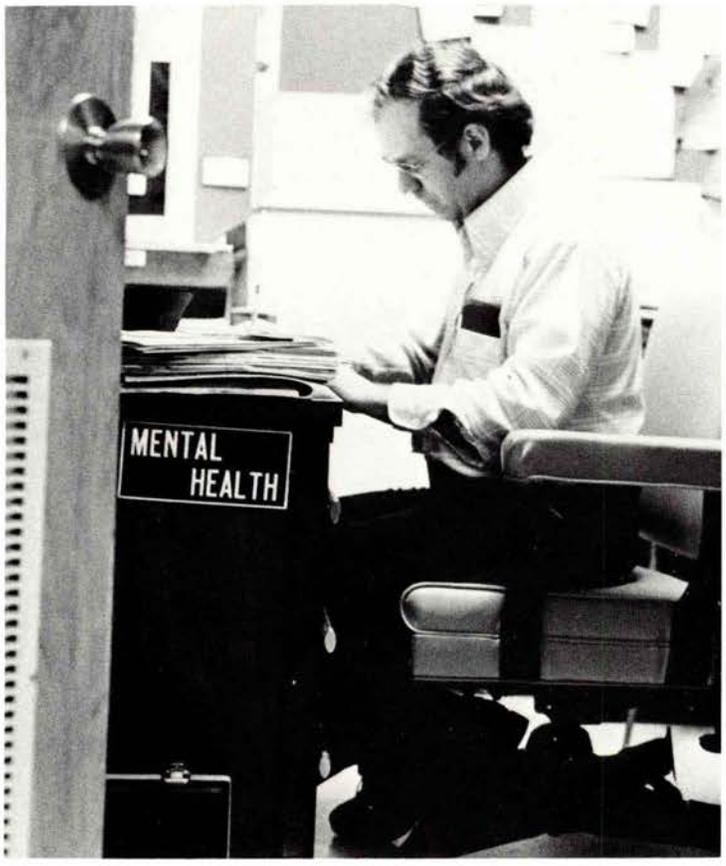




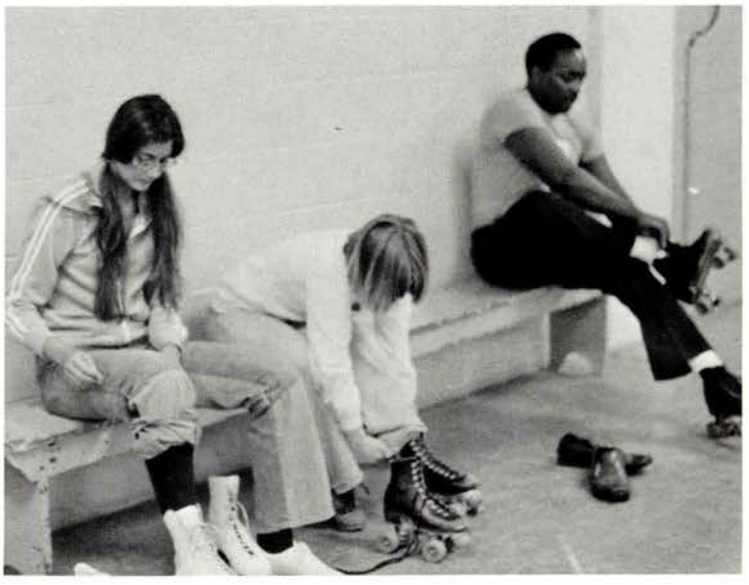
may i have the envelope please?



winner of the mental health award expresses appreciation.

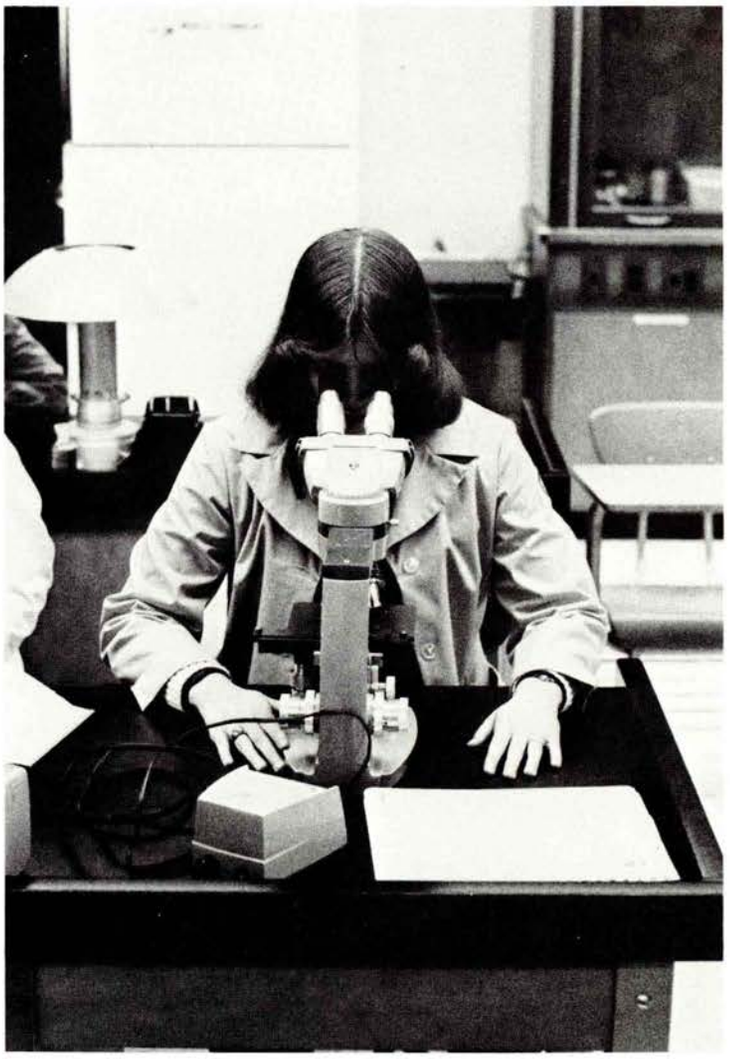


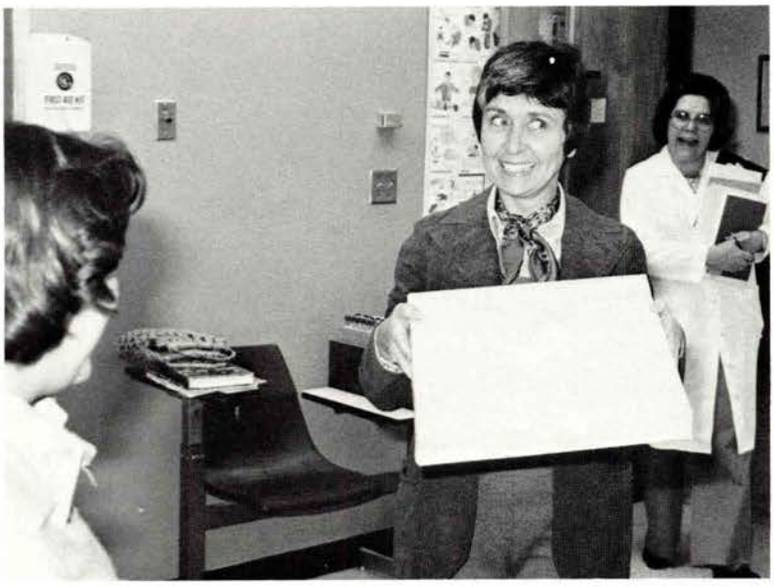
mr. whitlock pouring over those reports.



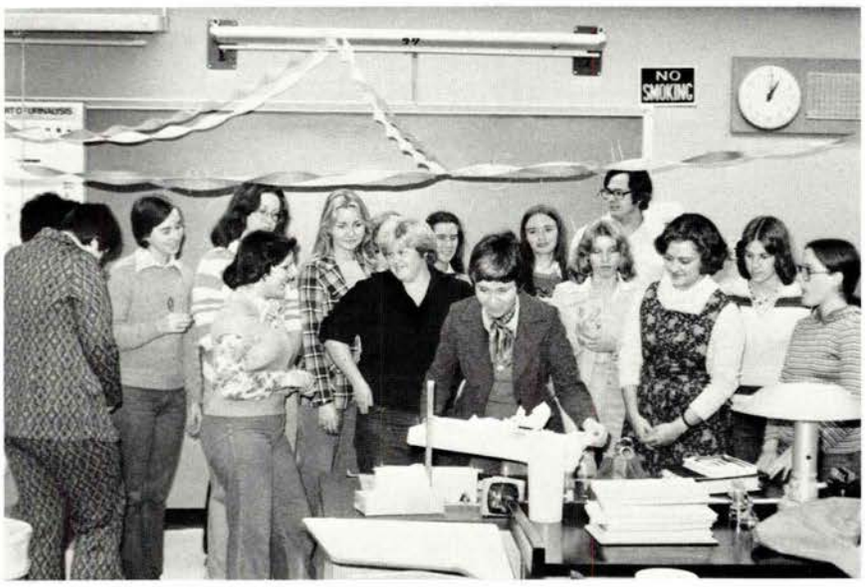
Medical Lab Technicians

top, "i wonder if those culture plates have produced anything yet?"
middle, m.l.t. officers with their fearless leader, gary jennings.
bottom, so that's what a diplococcus looks like.

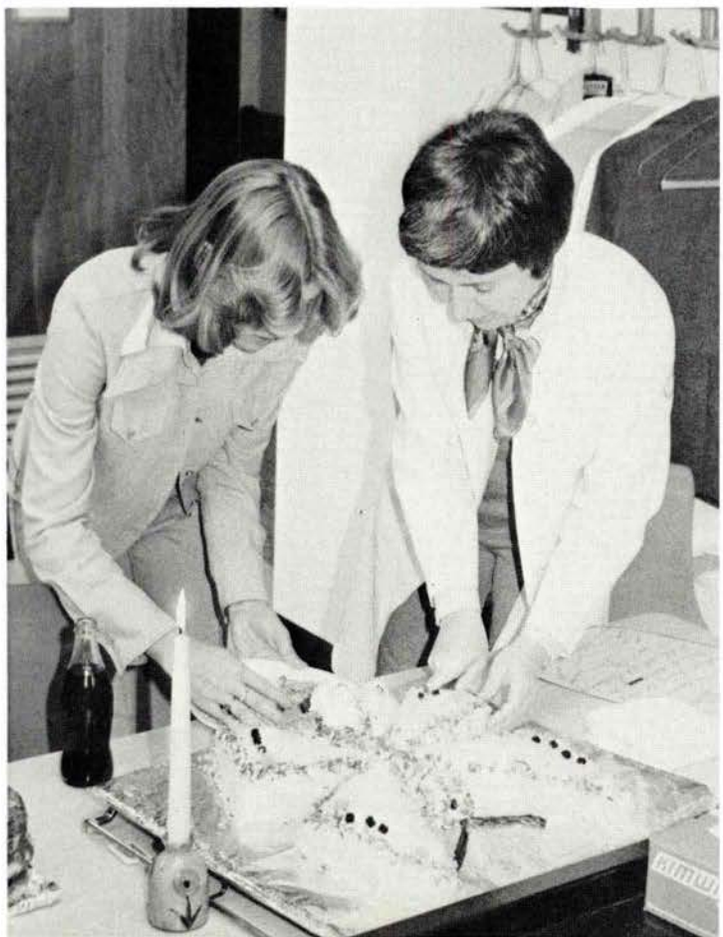




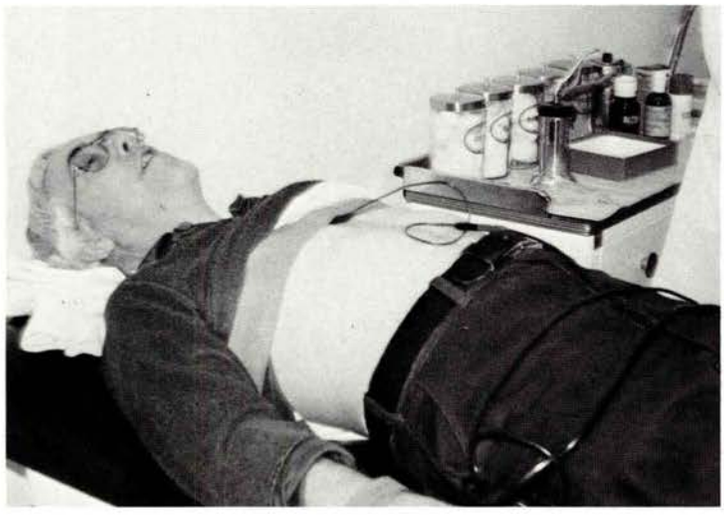
rosemarie palmer delighted at her surprise party.



"do you realize this cake is full of carbohydrates?"



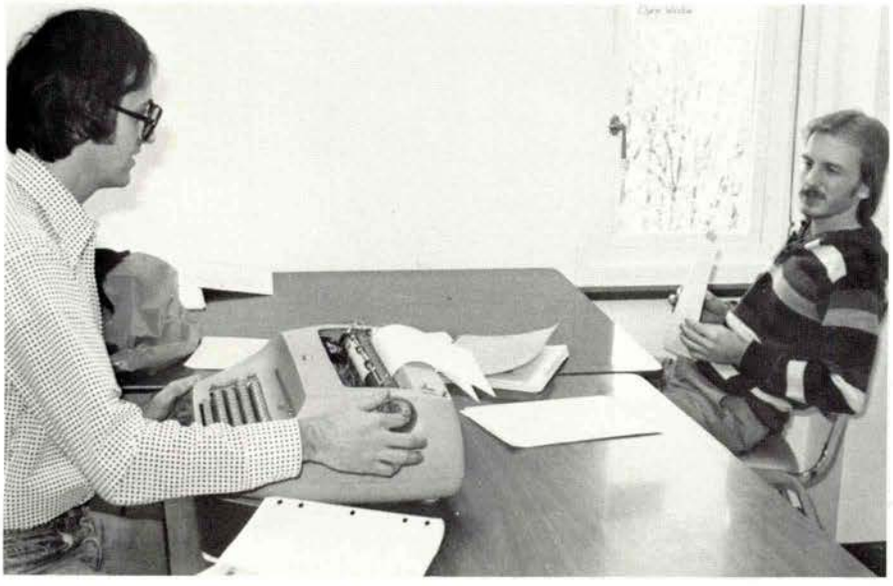
Medical Office Assistants

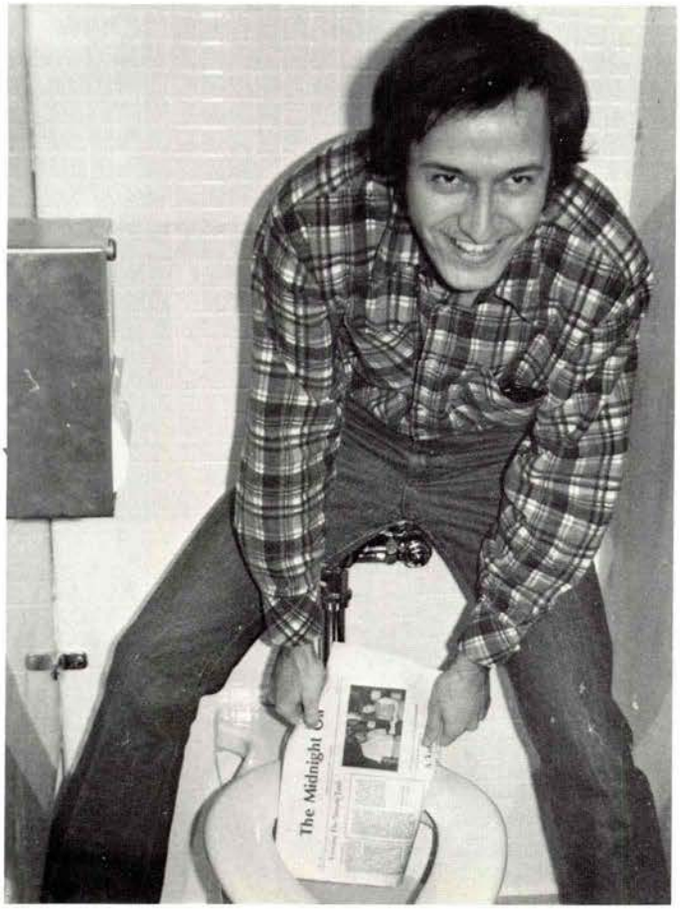


above, assistants administer e.k.g. to dick morgan after he completes final freshman orientation.
right, this years group of enthusiastic girls.

Newspaper Staff

front, left to right, tim clark, mary giles, chip beck.
back, left to right, larry fullbright, jeri berry, bennie honeycutt, dearl moody, editor.





middle-left, editor, dearl moody asks his staff a question.
left, editor reveals his personal filing cabinet.

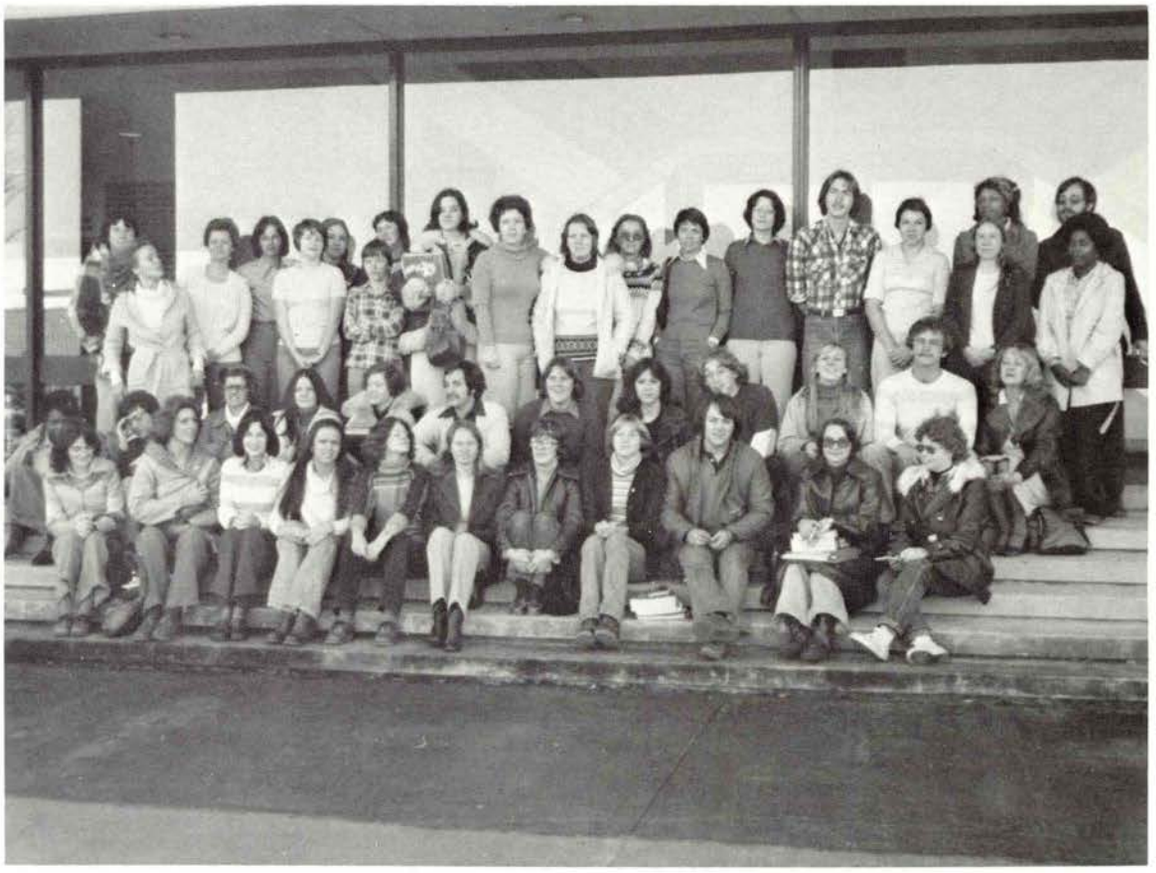
Sophomore Nursing Club

nursing is a career of service and dedication that demands intelligence, dependability, warmth, patience, and an awareness of the feelings of others.

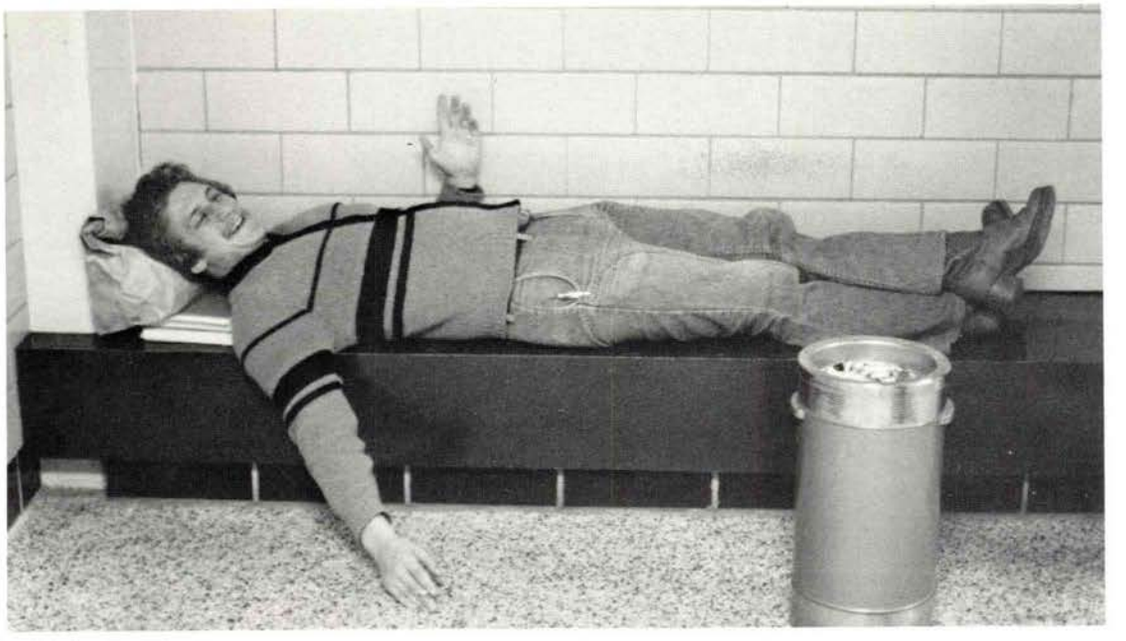
left, this year's sophomore officers are: left to right, h. bright, d. cook, t. peeler, and m. patrick.

lower left, "ms. marxen, you're supposed to shake the thermometer down before you put it in his mouth!"
lower right, 1977-78 student association officers. left to right, d. grinar, m. hall, and l. short.

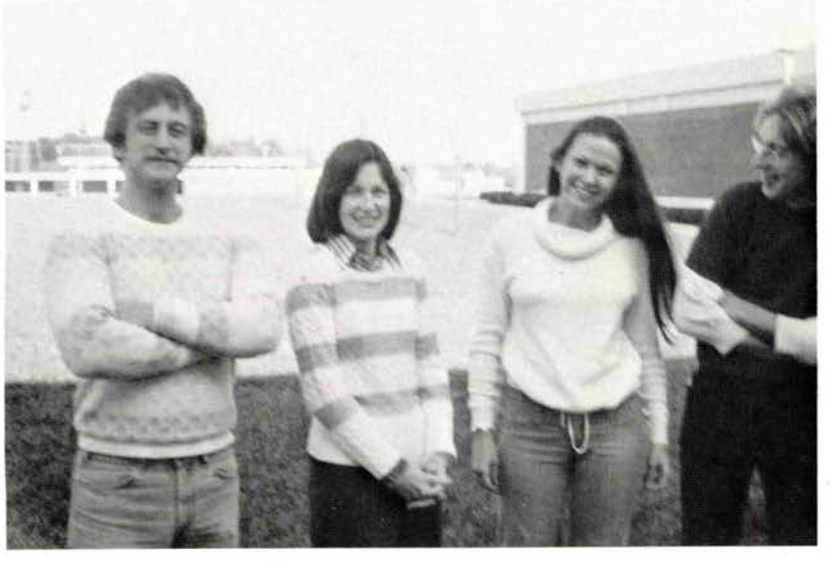
Freshman Nursing Club



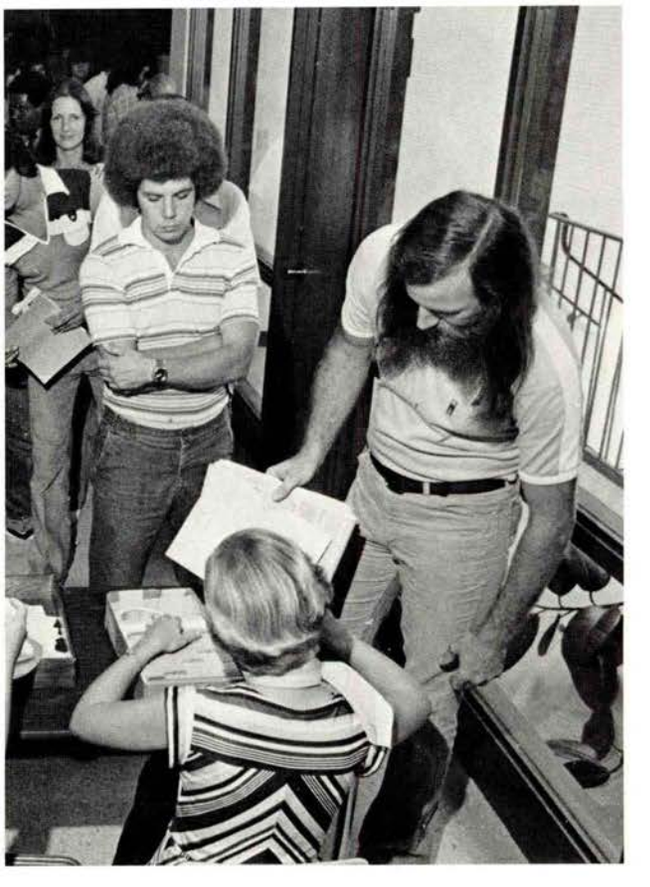
registered nurses are those whom give the most thorough nursing care available and have the greatest amount of responsibility in nursing the sick.



our president demonstrates the post-test camp-in



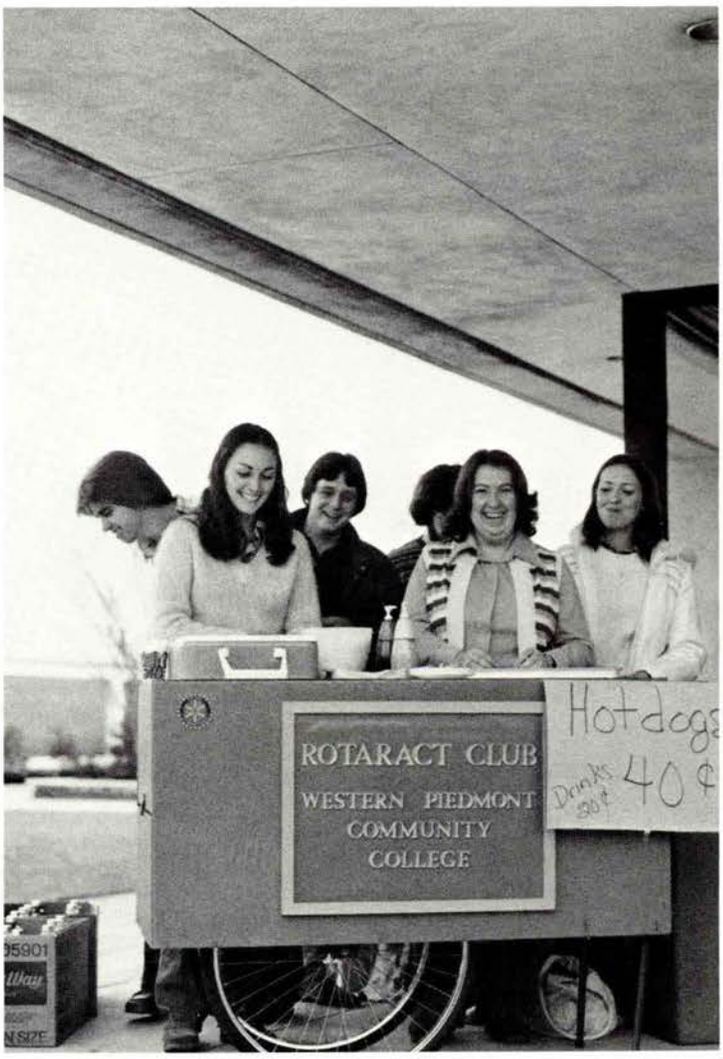
class officers: (l-r) b. ramseur, j. suttles, b. williams, m. goff



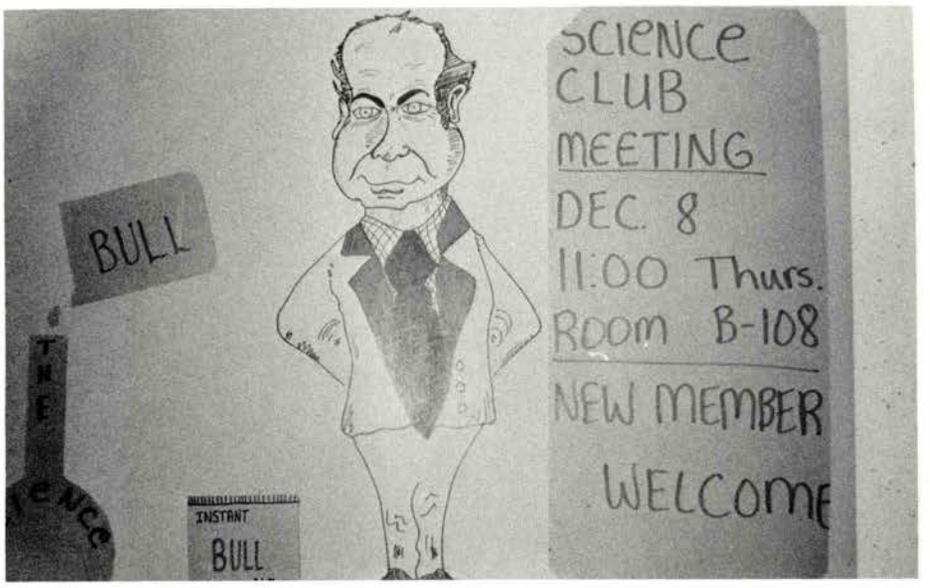
fullbright, you'll never make it as a nurse!

Rotaract Club

above, steve blahut, advisor, and this year's officers tammy mcguire, president; lisa devinney, vice-president; and tammy coleman, secretary, work with other members in fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.



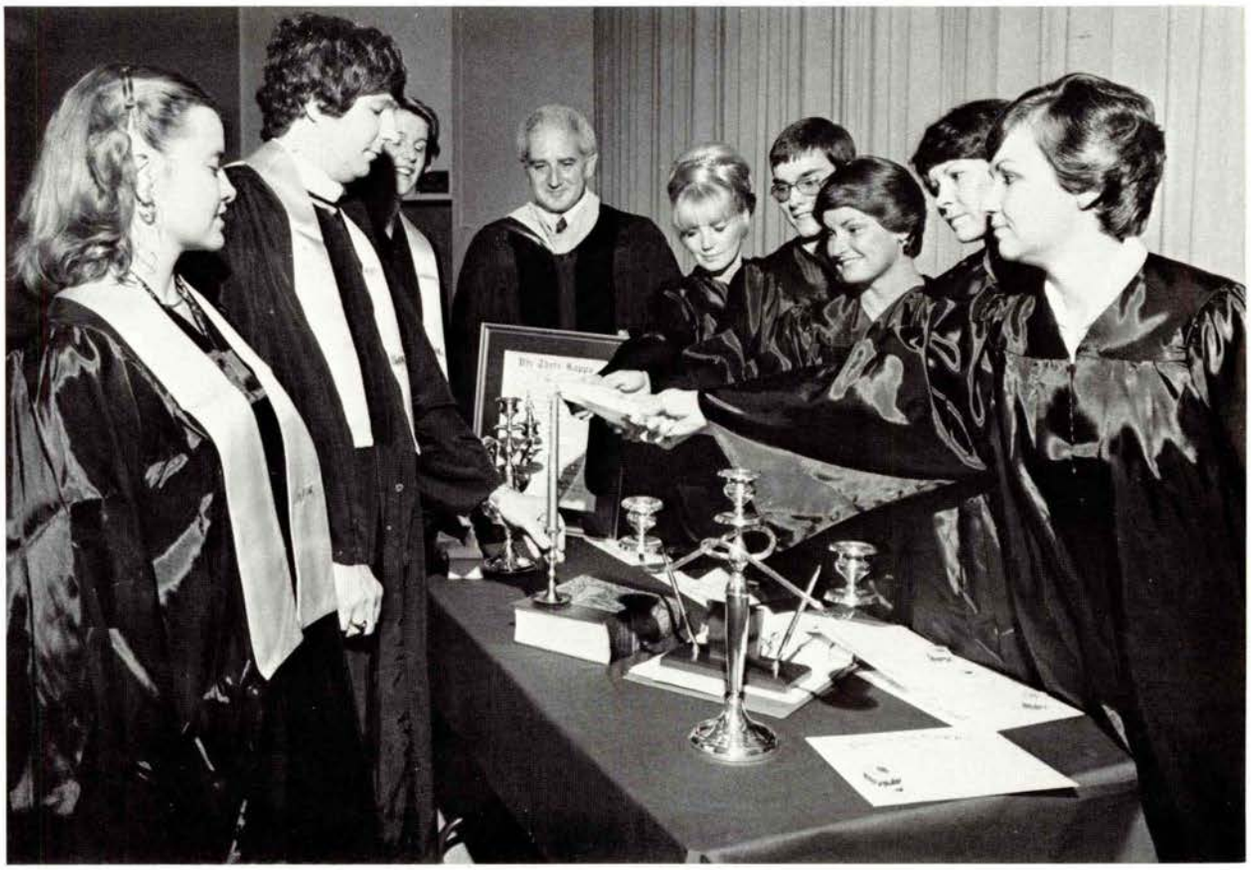
Science and Outing Clubs



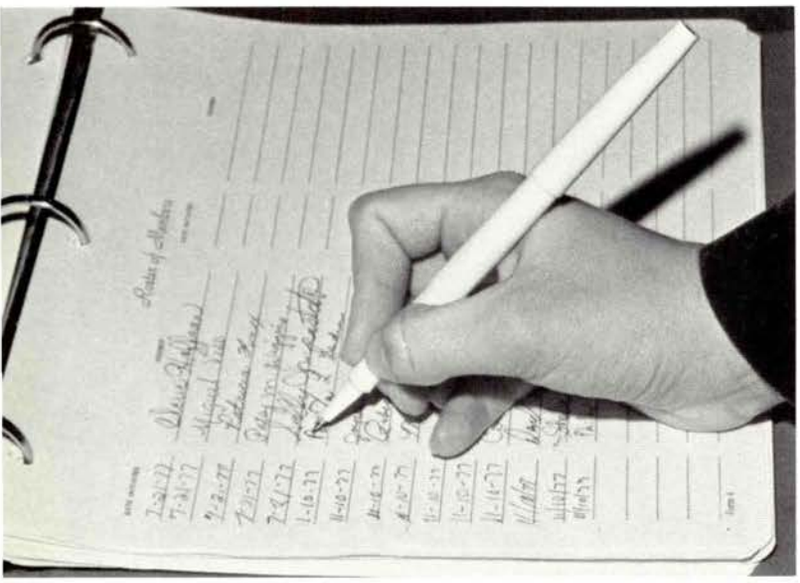
althought camera shy, the science club actively promotes public lectures and events of scientific interest.

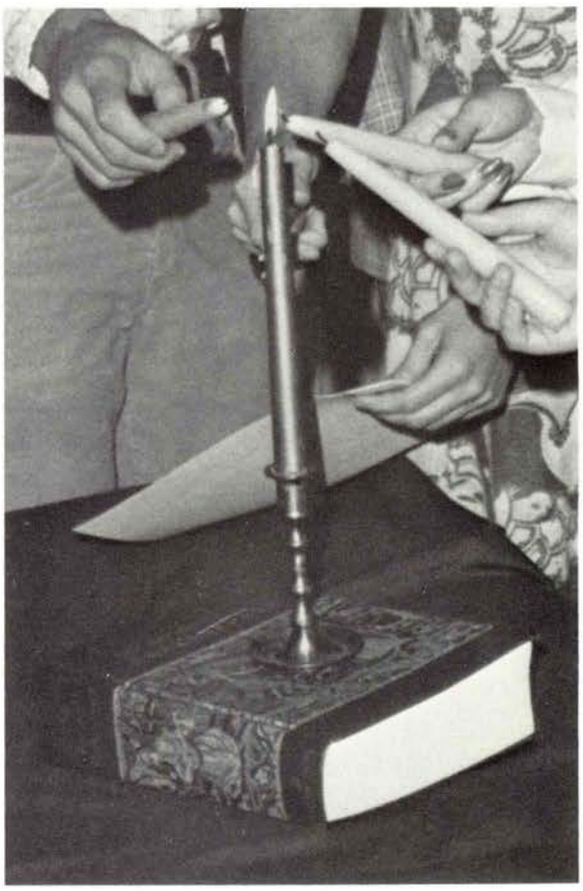
mr. benner and some of the outing club huddle to ward off mother nature's sting.

Phi Theta Kappa



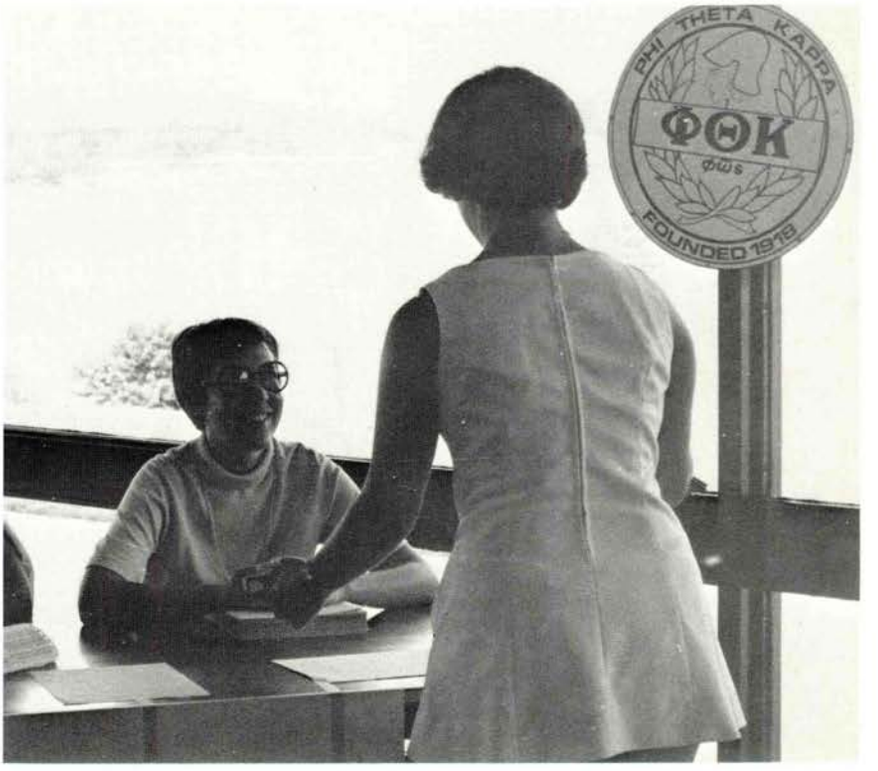
installation of the charter members.
right to left, sally impastato, president; patsy wiggins, vice-president; patricia knox, secretary; miguel viso, treasurer; and cherie hoffman, parliamentarian.



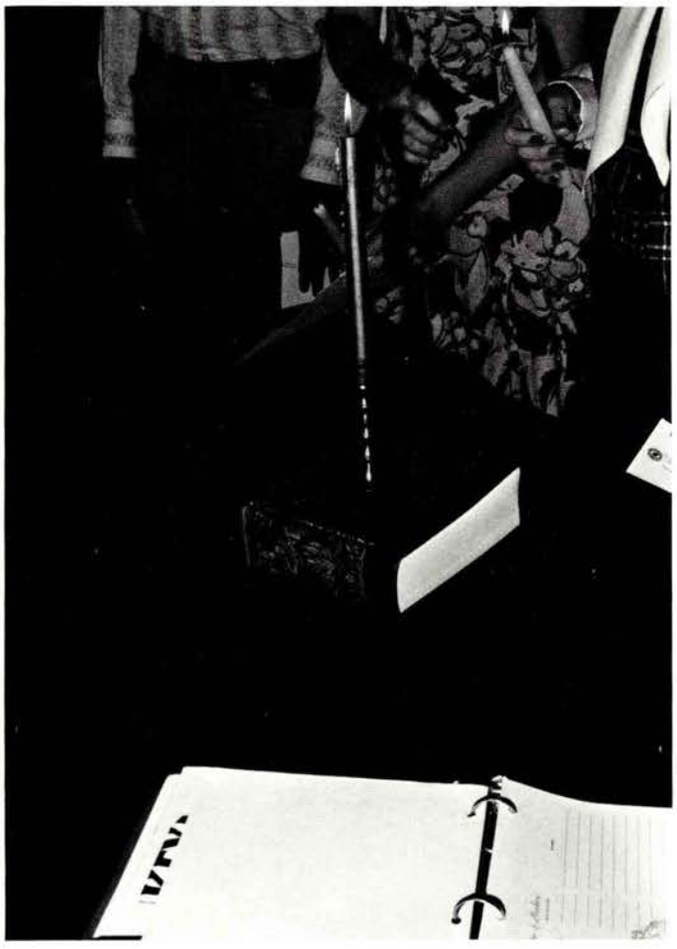


"i do solemnly promise to uphold the standards of phi theta kappa and to make this object and aim foremost in my mind, and i do solemnly pledge allegiance to my fellow members and promise to aid them in all worthy endeavors."

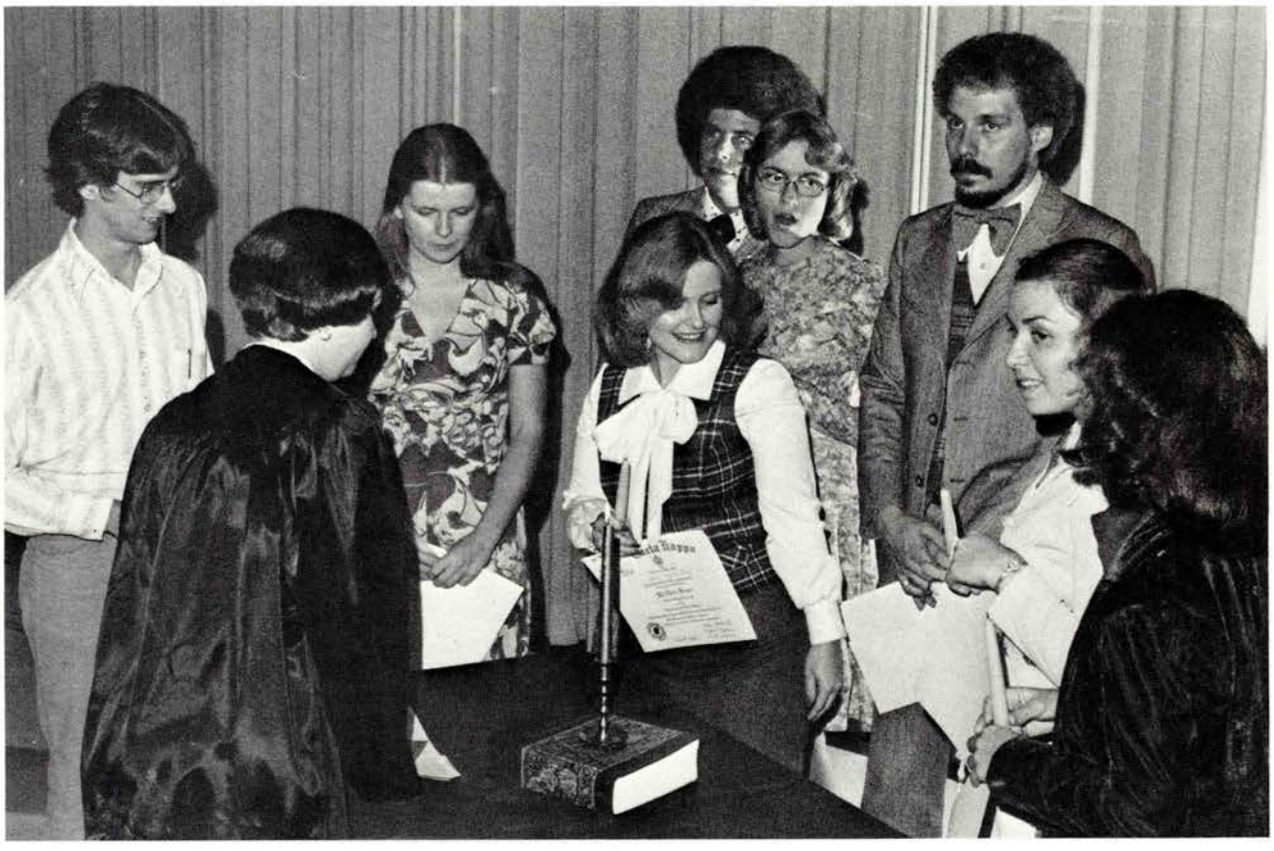
among us membership is a privilege earned by qualifications, honor, and service. in the conduct of our activities, truth shall be our quest, diligence our staff, and achievement our purpose.

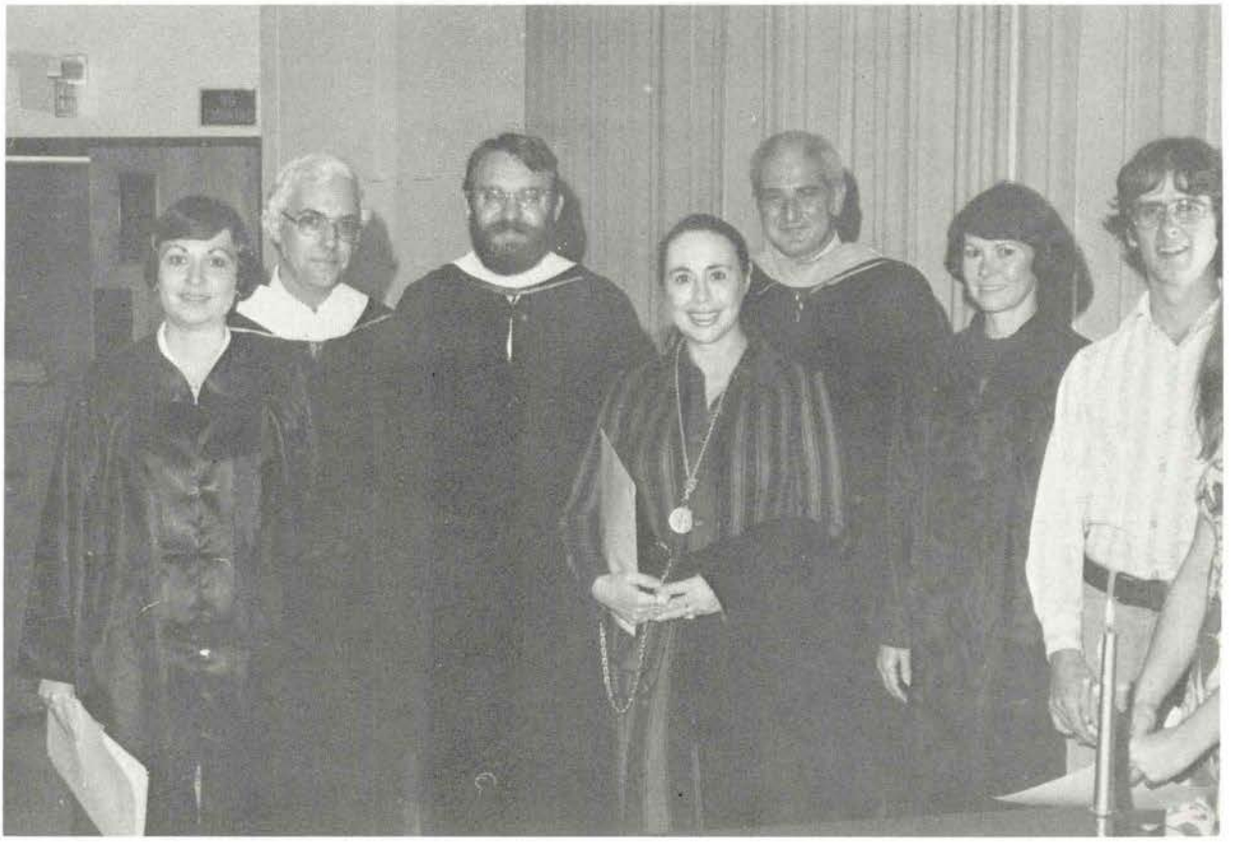


Alpha Gamma Mu Chapter

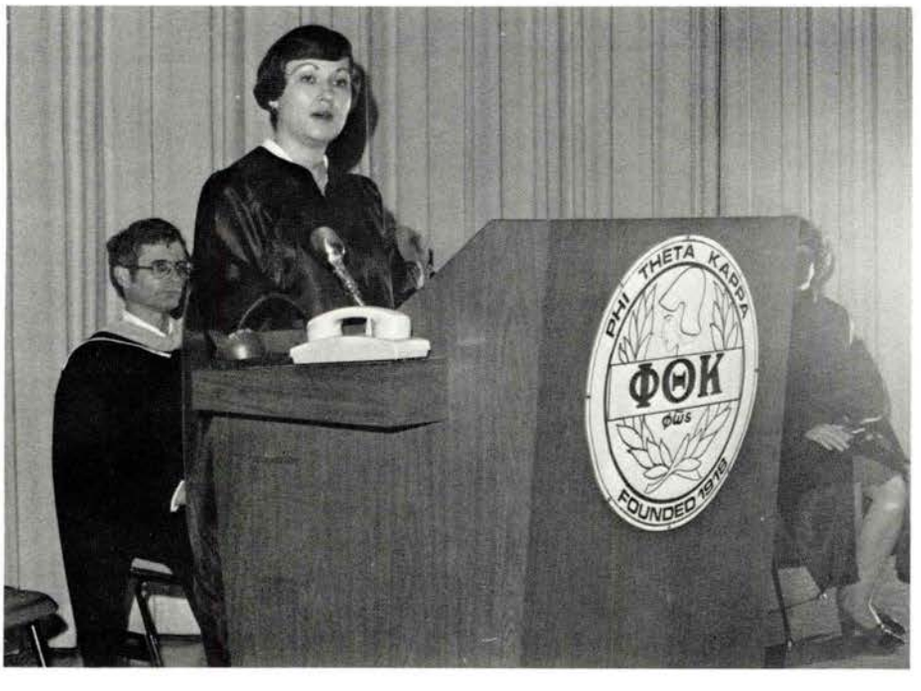


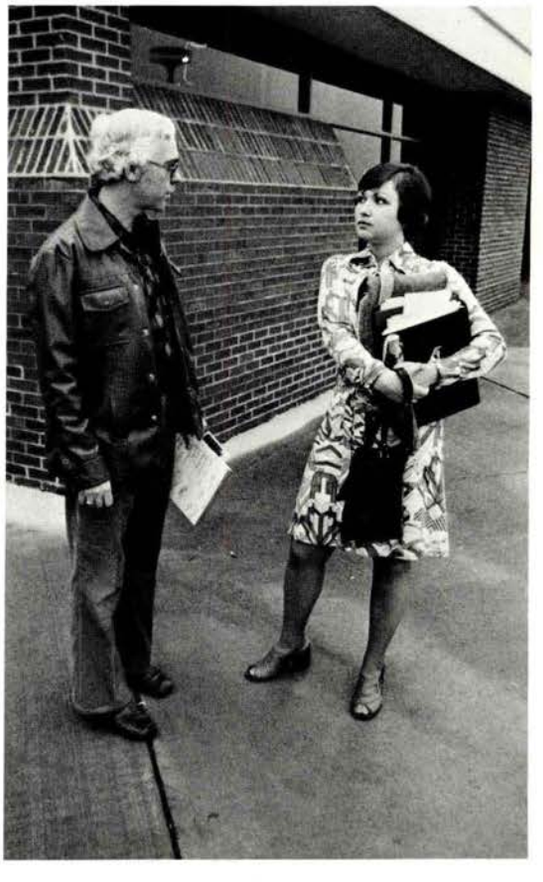
the purpose of the alpha gamma mu chapter of phi theta kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among w.p.c.c. students and provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas, lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.





above, honorary members and chapter officers join to welcome mrs. disanto as quest poet at the induction ceremony.





right, it is not enough to be busy. the question is, what are we busy about?

h.d. thoreau

Faculty

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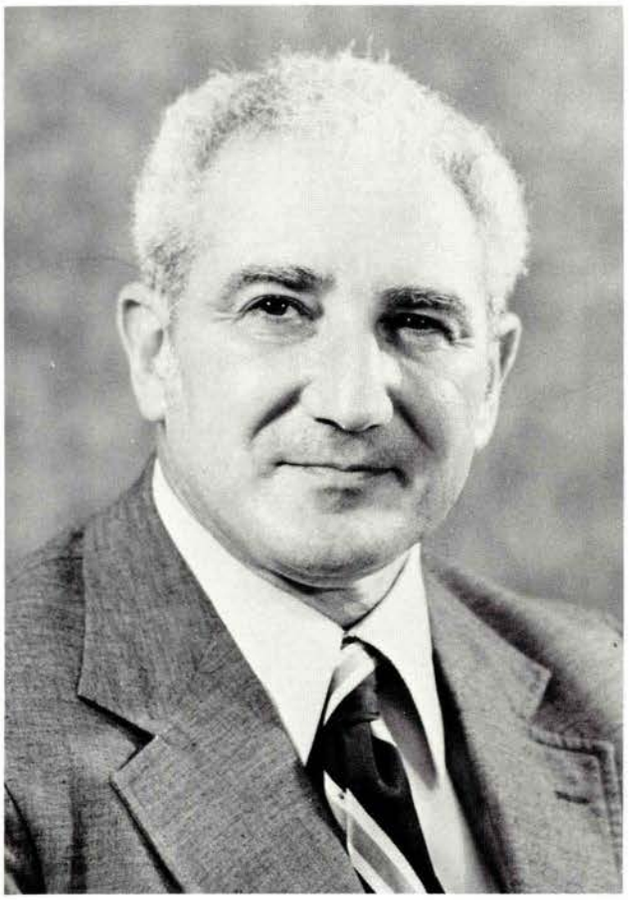
Administrative Staff



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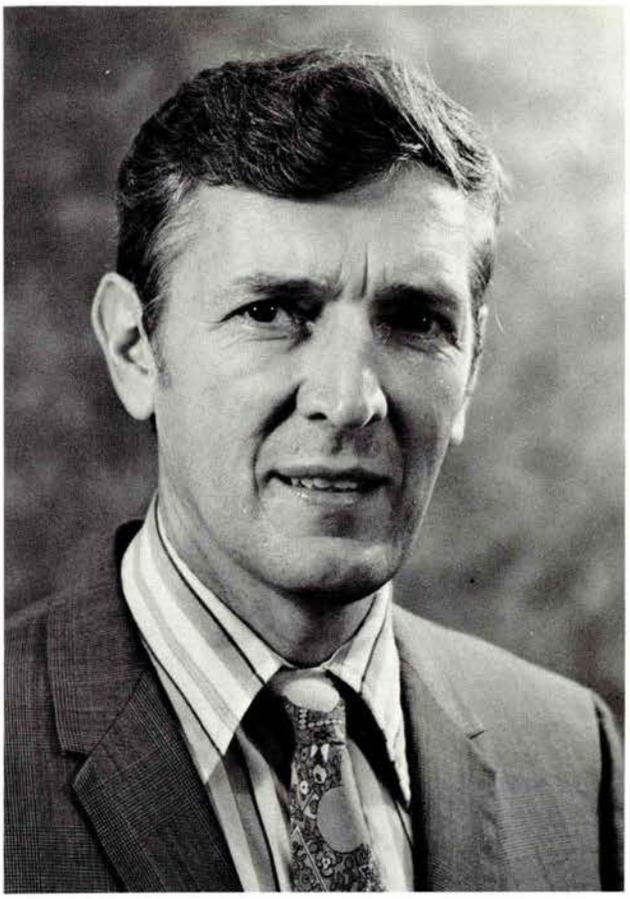

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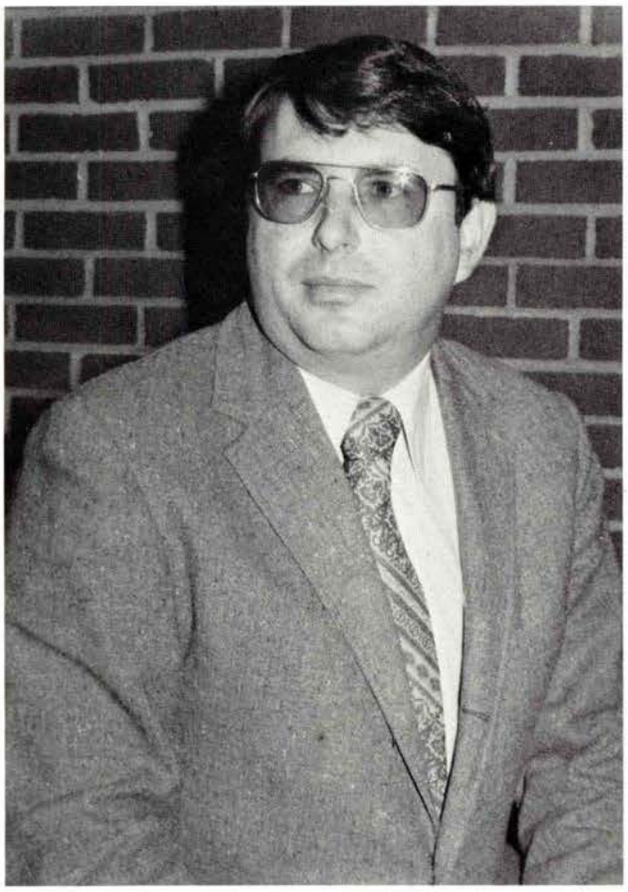

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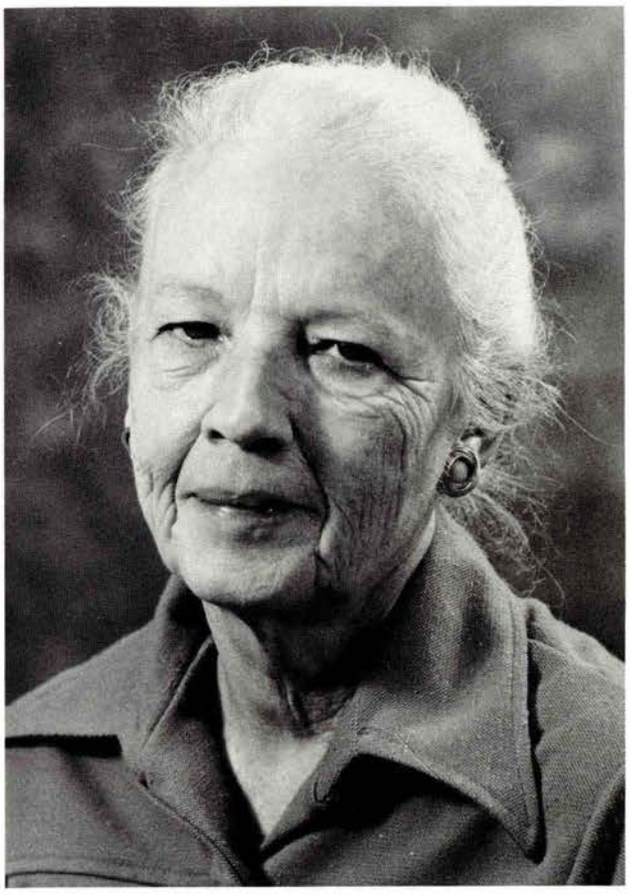

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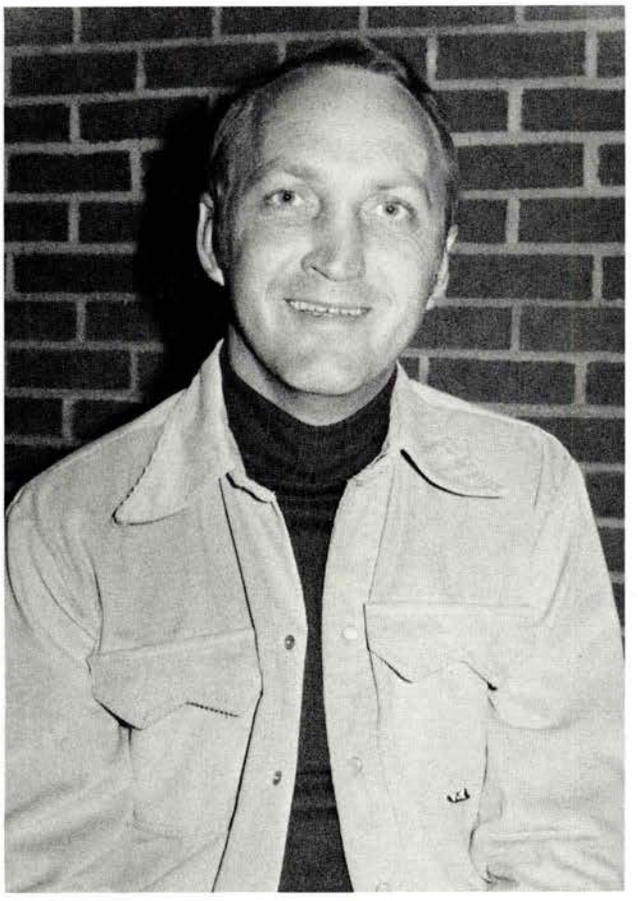

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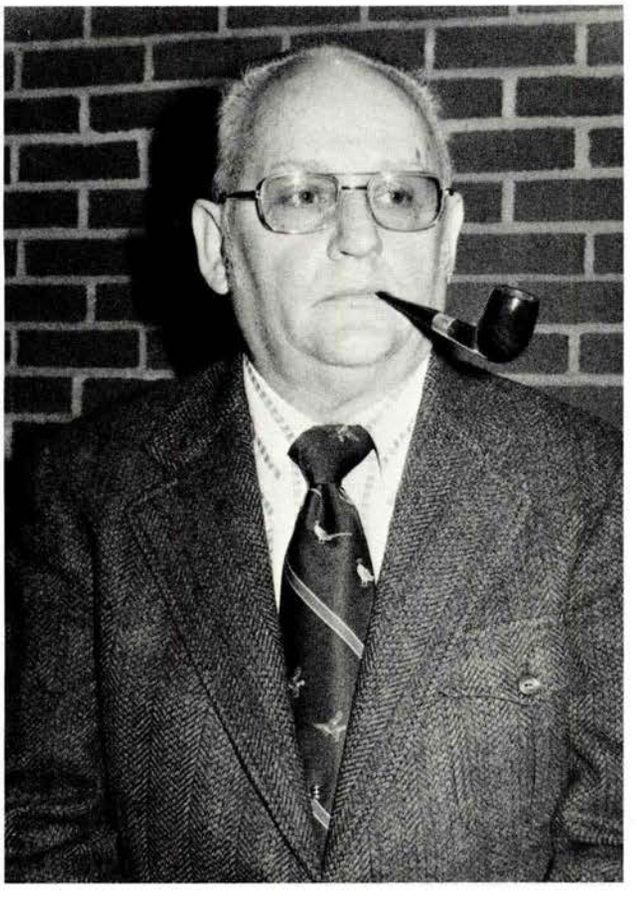
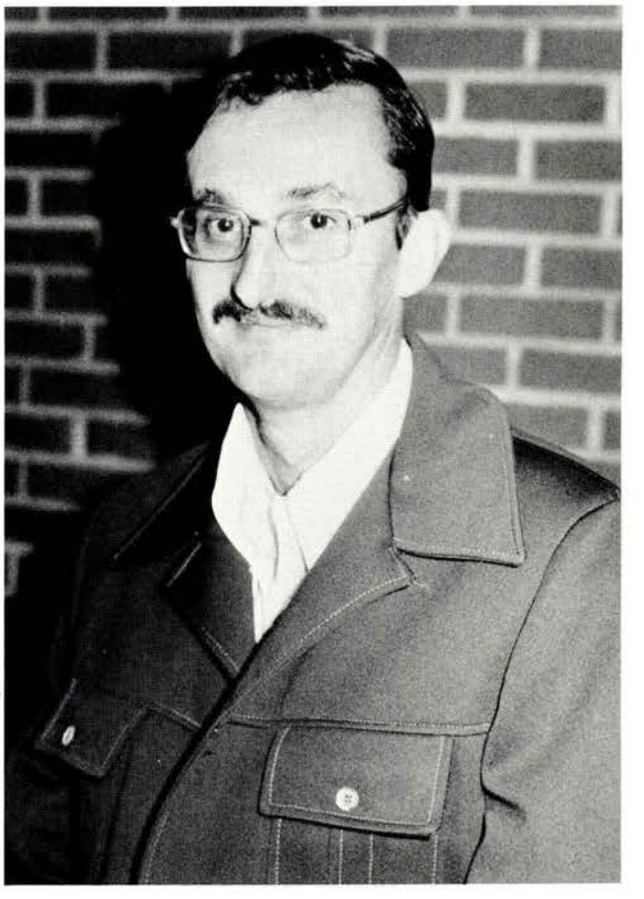
dr. nancy r. moore, dean of student services



h.d. moretz, dean of the college



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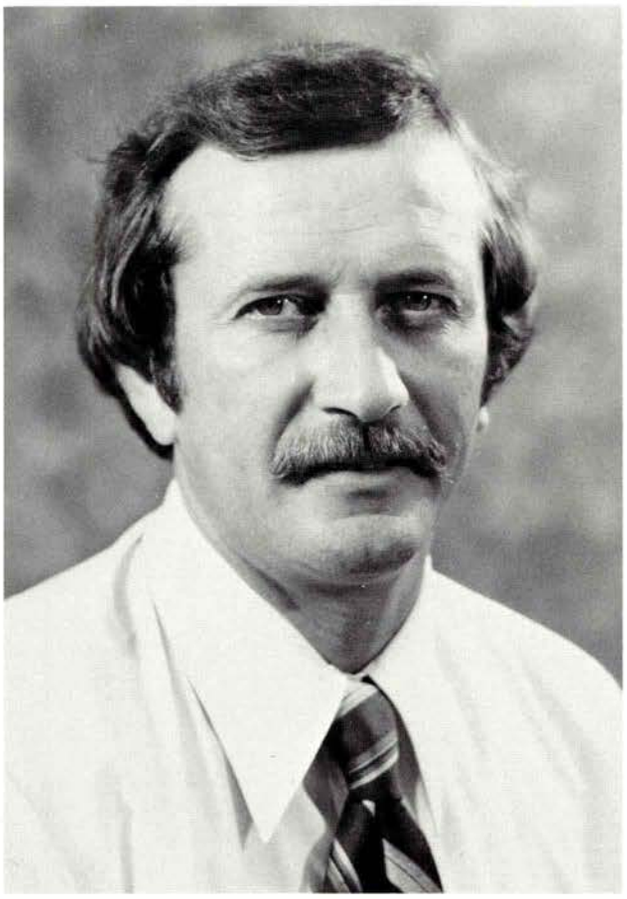

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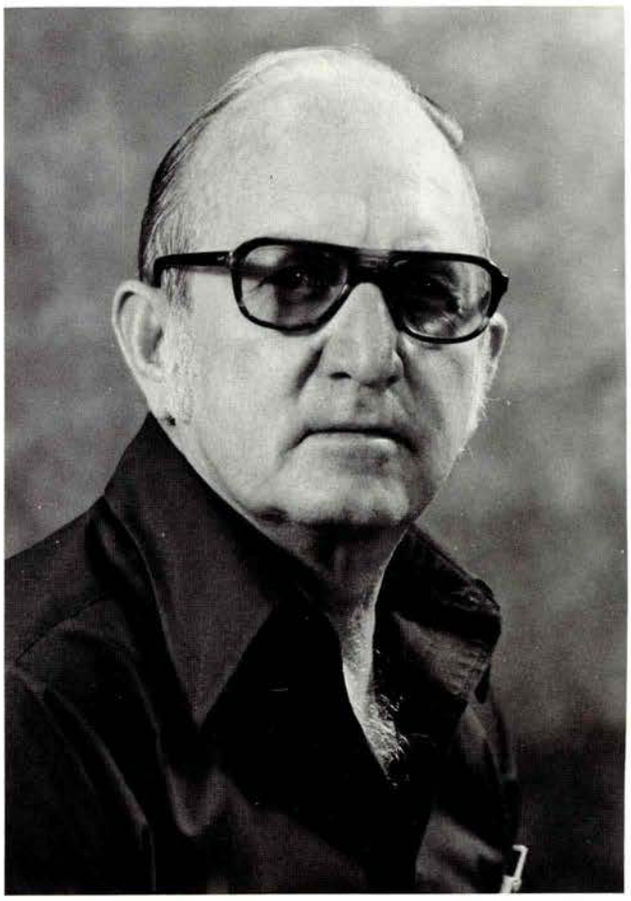

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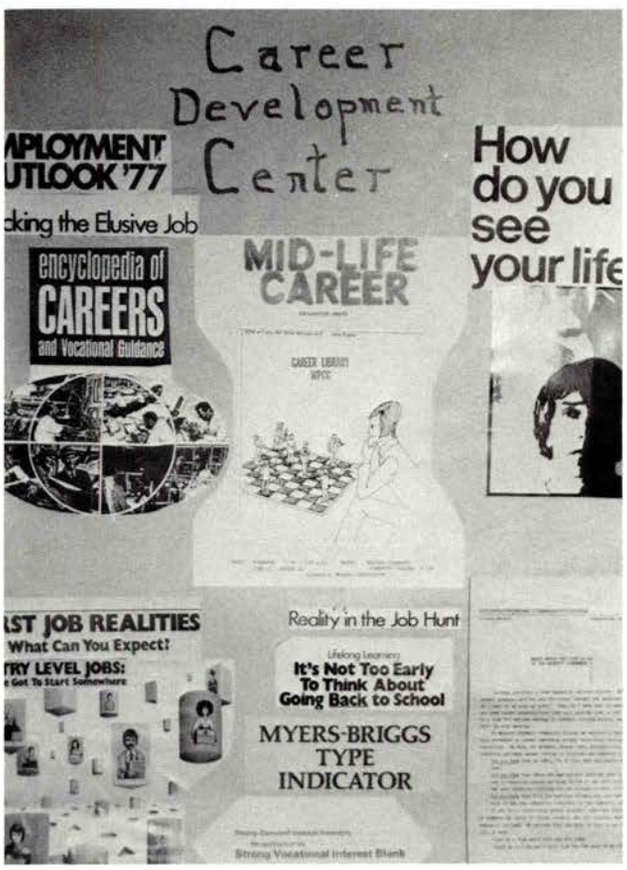
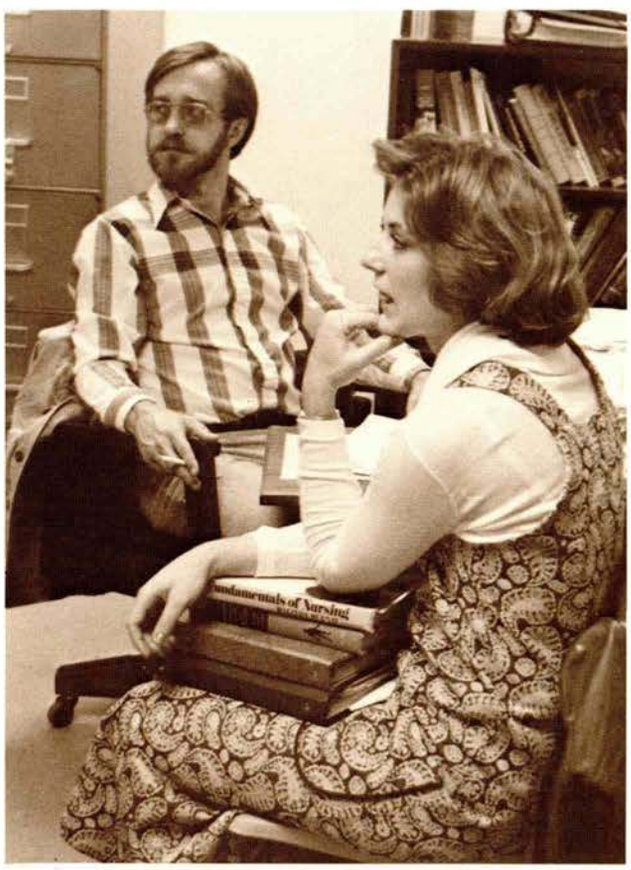


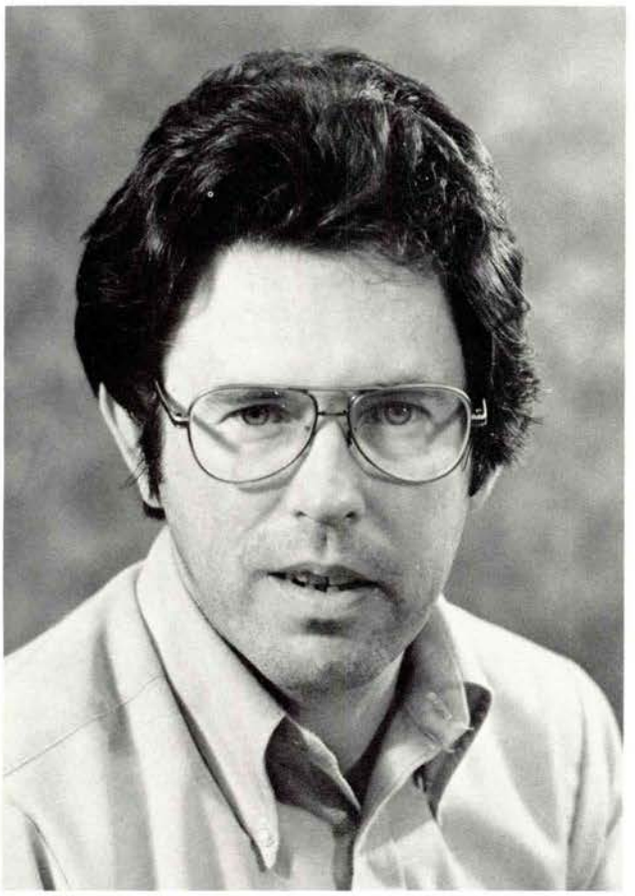
"if you have done your best . . . if you have given your all . . . and have not yet succeeded . . . at least you have not failed."



"no wonder can last more than three days"

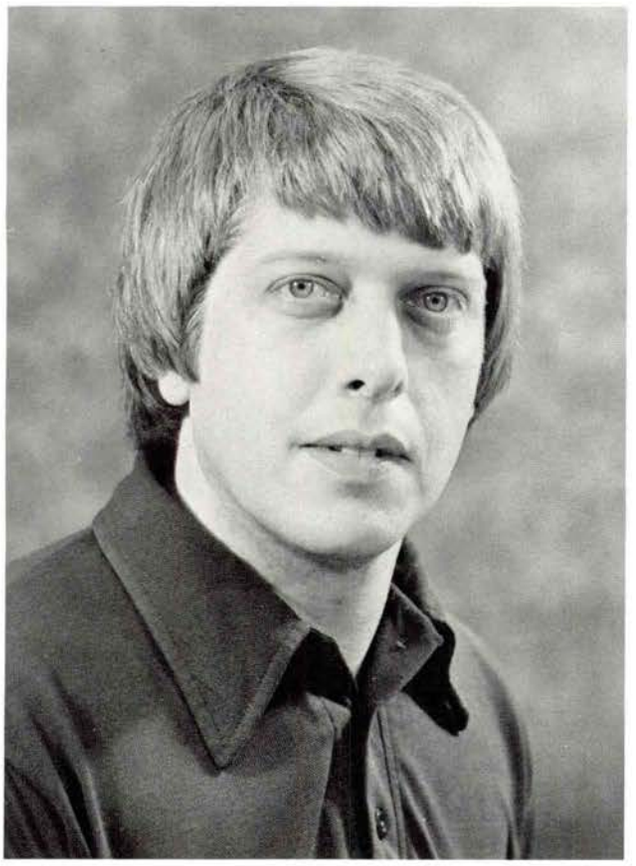
italian proverb

Instructional Support Staff



joseph brannon, audiovisual coordinator

theresa burkert, librarian



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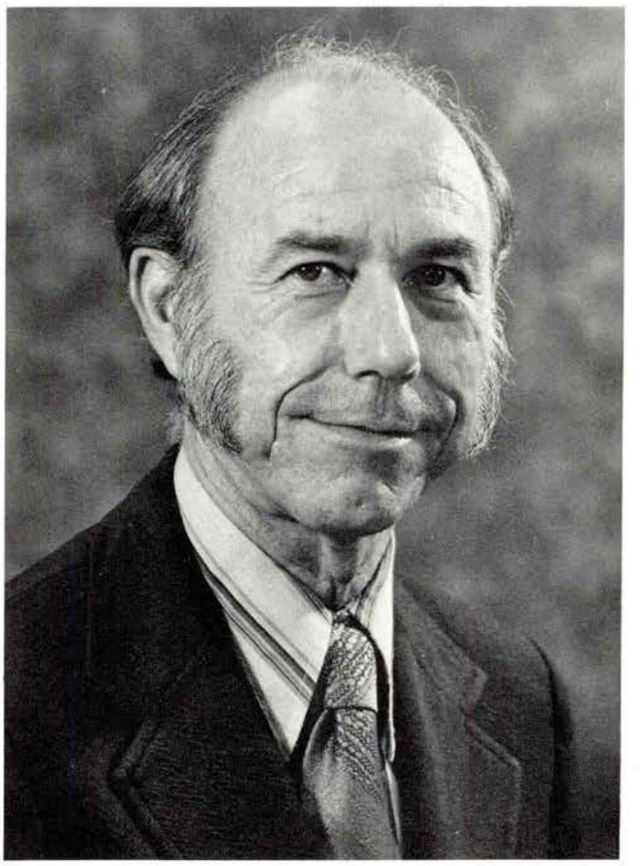
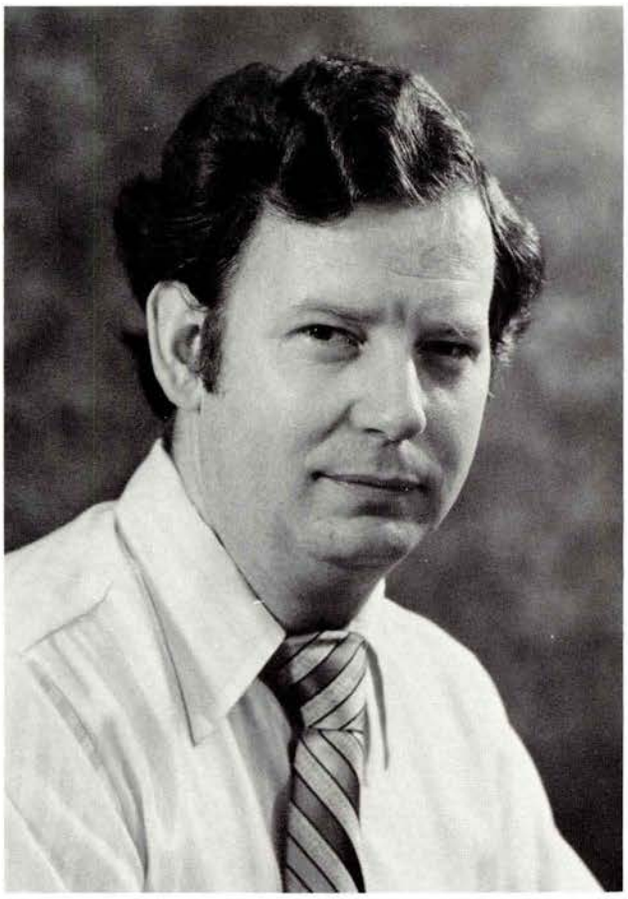
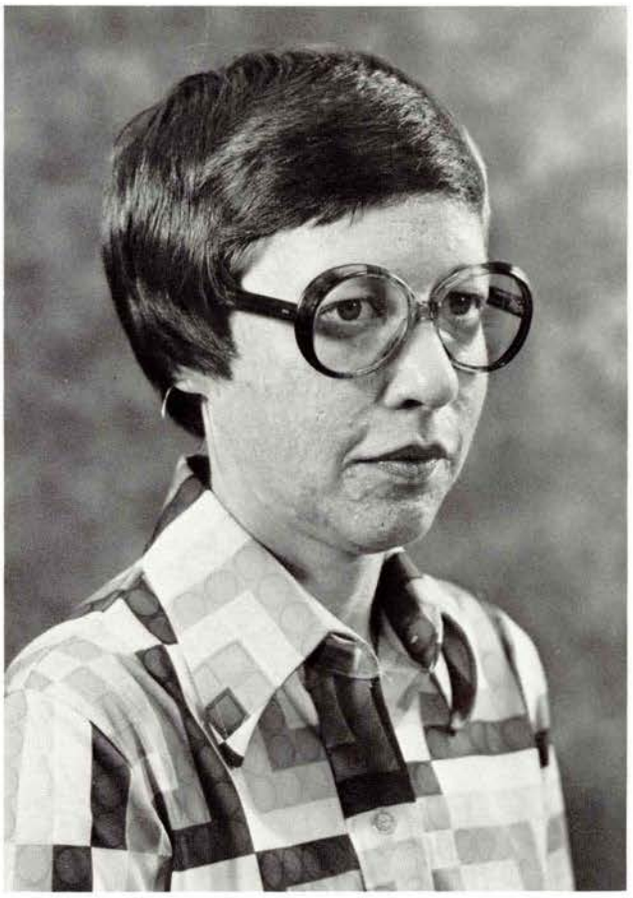


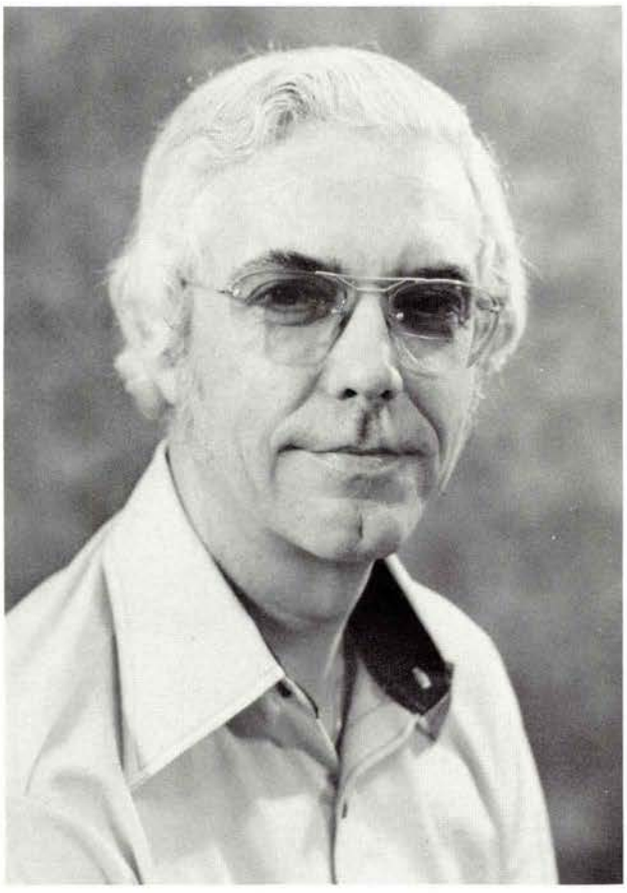
earl duncan, counselor/financial aid adviser



winston lear, audiovisual librarian



beverly mcclure, counselor



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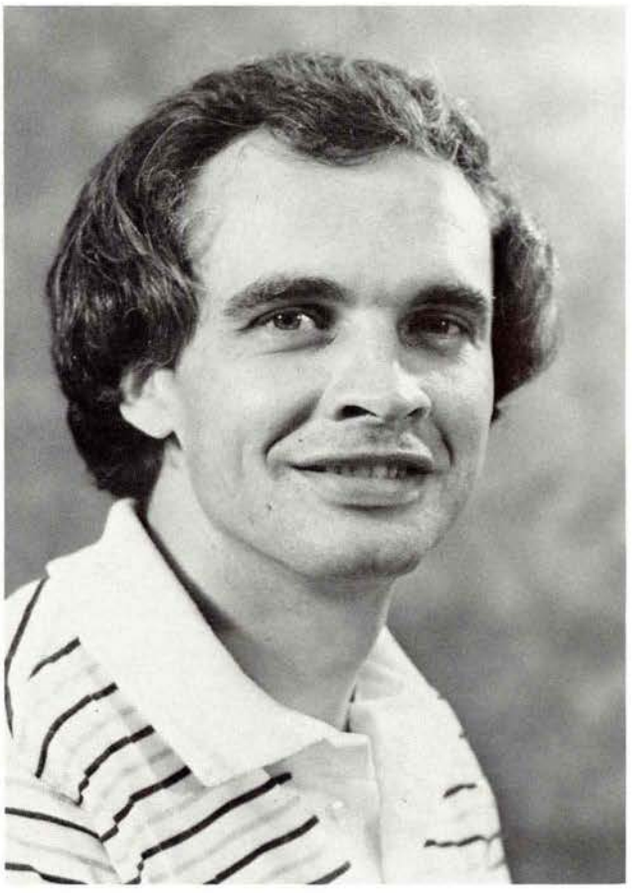
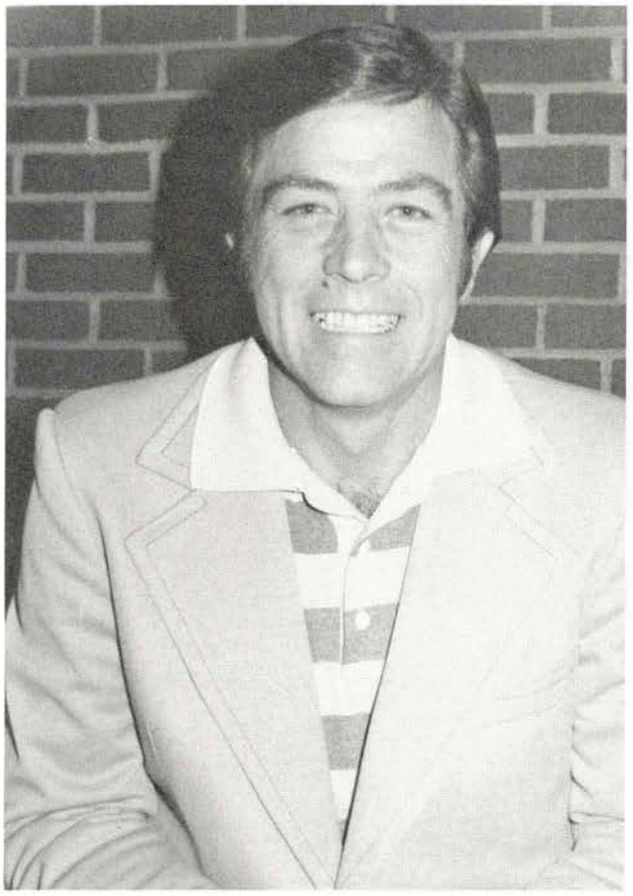
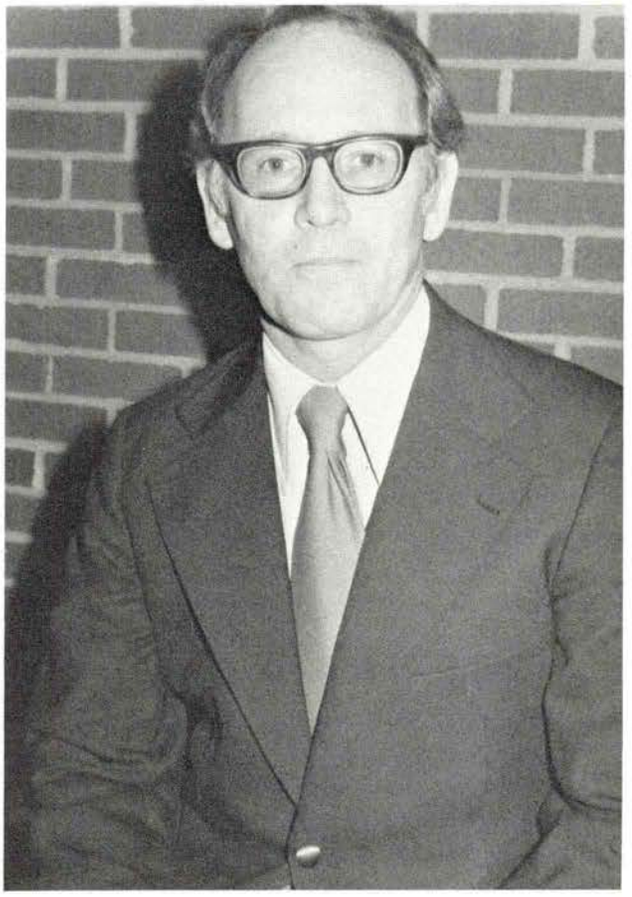


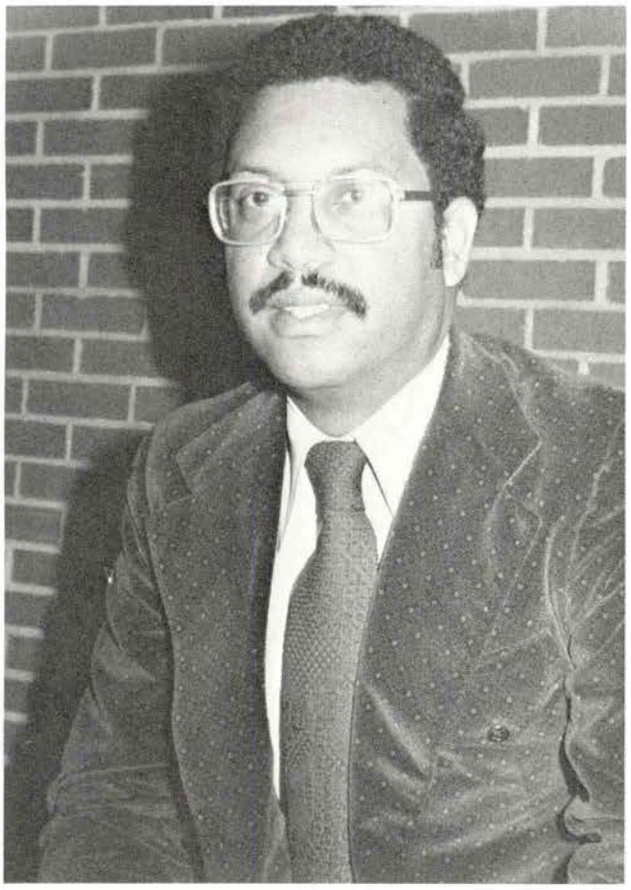
james reed, registrar/director of admissions



billy ray shuffler, director of general adult education



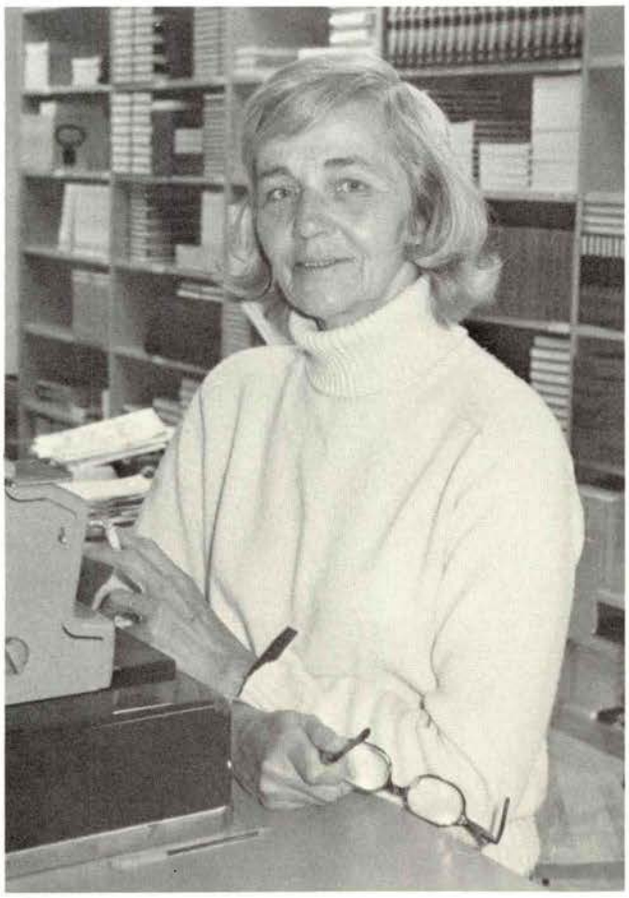
robert small, associate business manager



samuel b. tate, director of human resources development

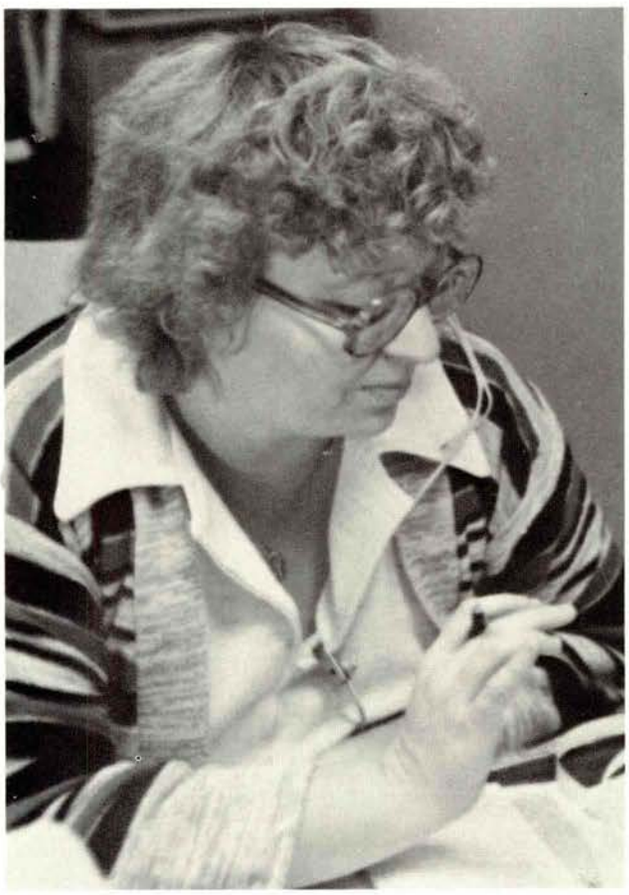
betty whitaker, controller

Supportive Staff



winnie boyd, bookstore manager

verna dean shuping, traffic officer



sue mcclough, switchboard operator

"the difference between a successful man and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will, because the character rather than the education is man's greatest need, and man's greatest safeguard, because the character is higher than the intellect . . . the greatest difference is in sacrifice, in self-denial, in love and loyalty, in fearlessness and humility . . . because this is not only the difference between men, this is the difference between great and little men."

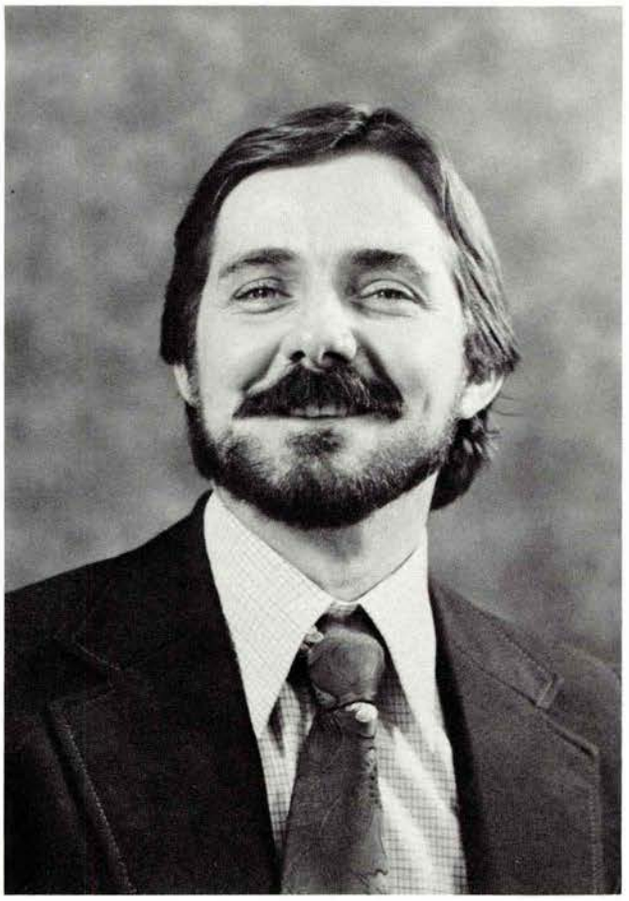
— vince lombardi

Maintenance Staff

front row — left to right: ernest caldwell, custodian junior crawley, carpenter bud harris, grounds foreman robert hunter, custodial foreman, james huffman, electrician, back row — left to right: delbert lingerfelt, grounds maintenance mechanic, glenn morrison, painter, ray phillips, custodian, ruth shade, custodian, donald taylor, custodian

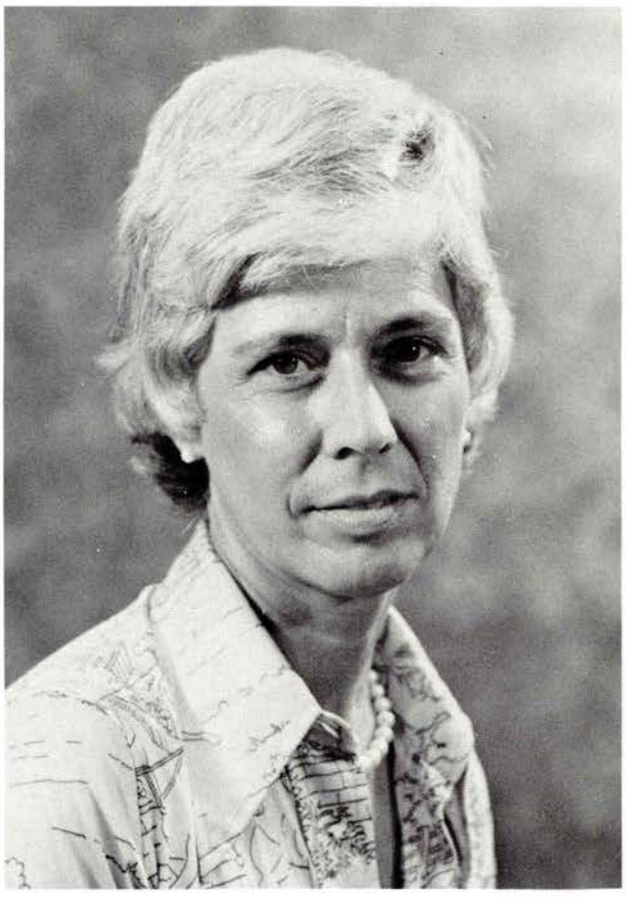
consider our future
whether it's bright or bleak, depends on you.
it's our duty to strive to elevate man-
our unending mission since time began-
to lessen the hardships and to add to our skill,
to spread understanding and make us more civil.
it's the succession of life; the reason for living.
it's a chance to achieve; another time for self-giving.
it's the unknown tomorrow, filled with peril and promise.
it's the bank we invest in, with vision and service.
it's the hopes and the dreams, the goals that we cherish.
it's the test of our strength' the work that can flourish.
it's our endowment of riches in water and land,
and how well we'll care for these gifts from god's hand.
it holds fear of the unknown; the challenge of change;
the surprise of discovery; new ways that seem strange.
it springs from a past of a country grown great
in the spirit of families only god could create.
people with courage and a will to excel
who fashioned a nation where we could dwell
free and united as we reach for the heights;
strong in affirming man's personal rights.
tomorrow, tomorrow! it casts an alluring light-
when we can mend another problem; start to set
things right.
consider our future. consider it well.
contributed by mabel coucher, springfield, vt.

Allied Health Department

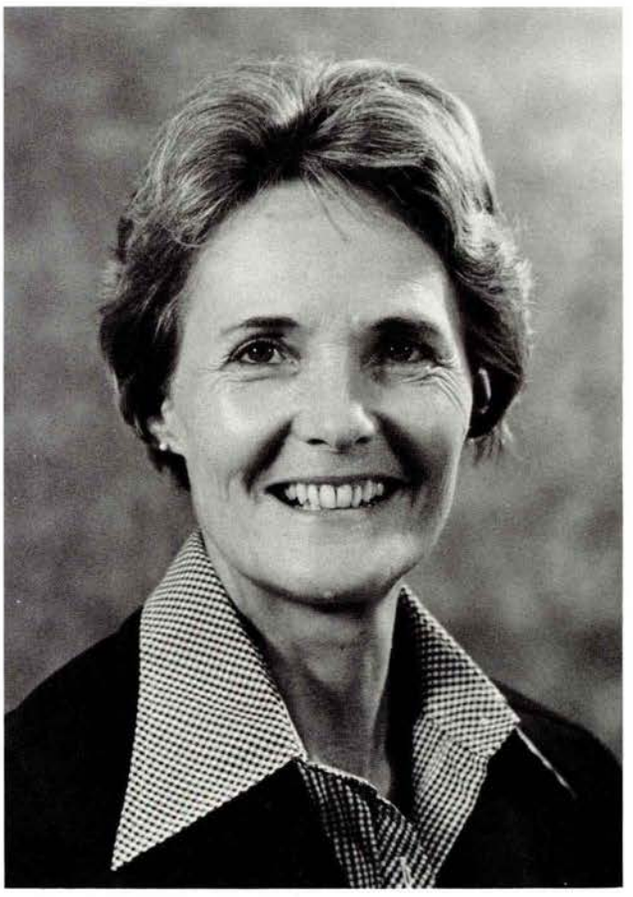


gary jennings, chairperson, coordinator/instructor medical laboratory technology

rosemarie palmer, instructor, medical laboratory technology



naomi lutz,. coordinator/instructor, dental assisting

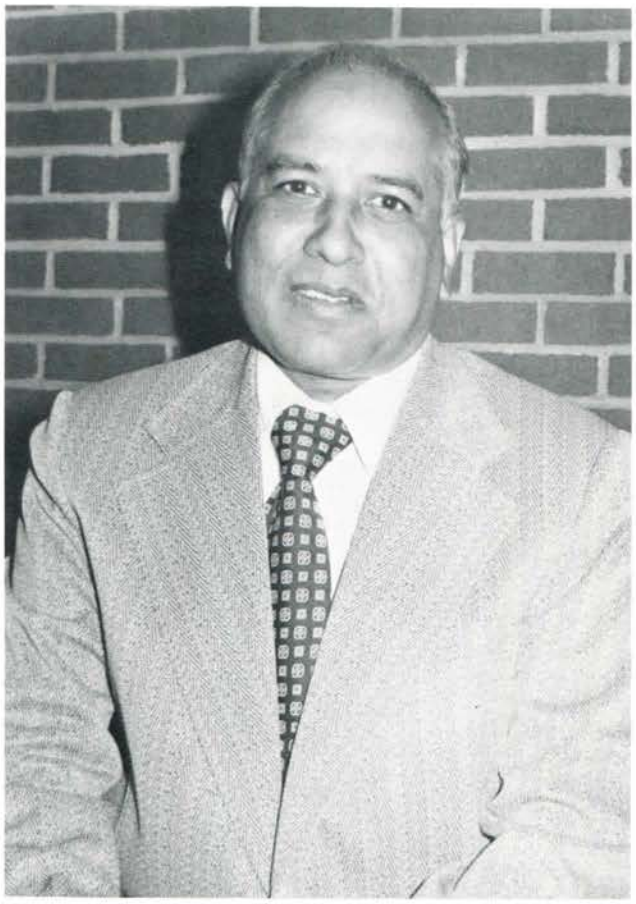


mary greene, part-time instructor in dental assisting

jason bryant, instructor

dr. james b. cates, instructor

mary gay cooke, instructor



om p. jain, instructor

Business Education Department

mary jane simmons, coordinator/instructor, medical office assistant program

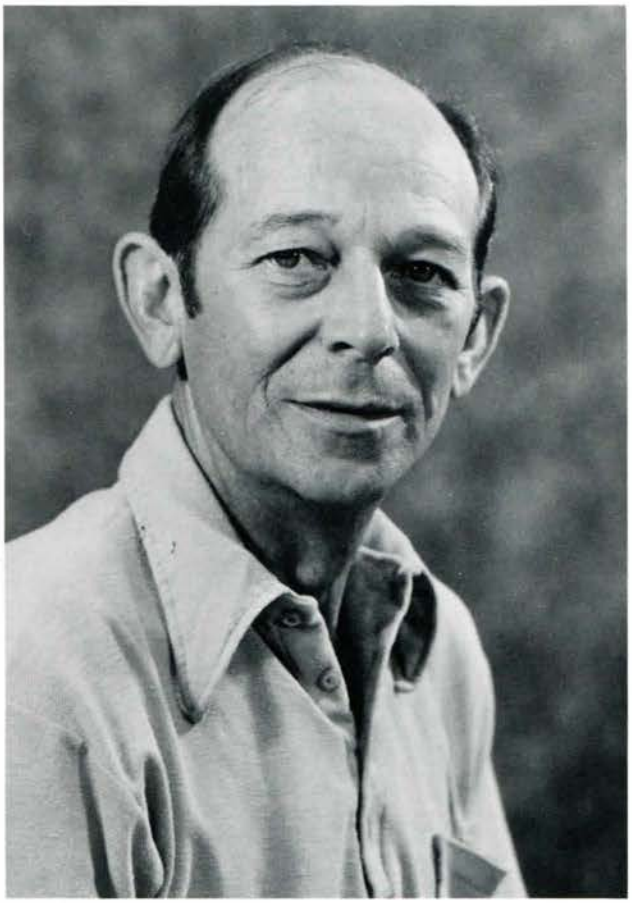
david lieberman, chairperson, business department

stephen blahut, instructor

"how did i get into the business department?"

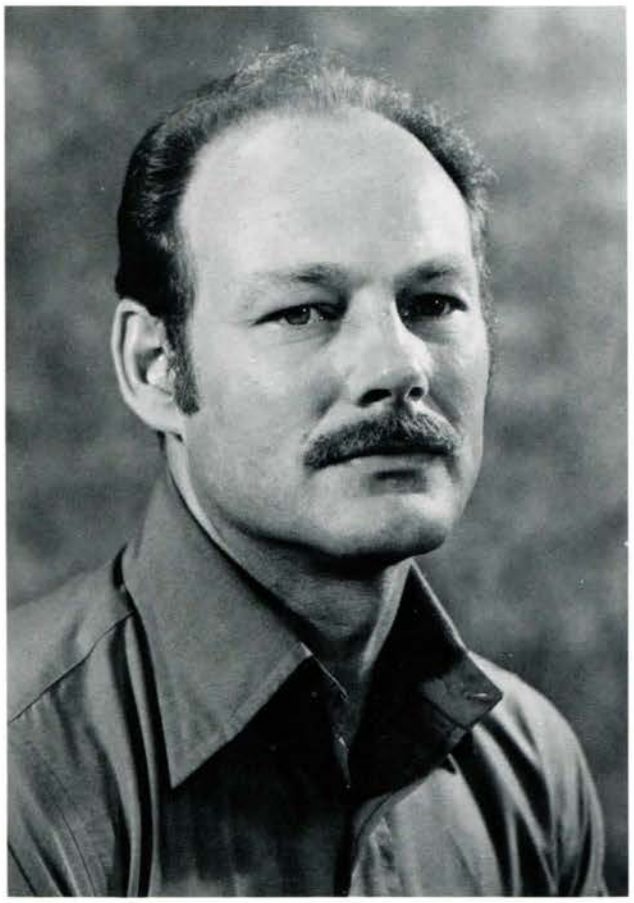
nadia blahut, instructor (not pictured)

Criminal Justice Department



john boyd, chairperson/instructor

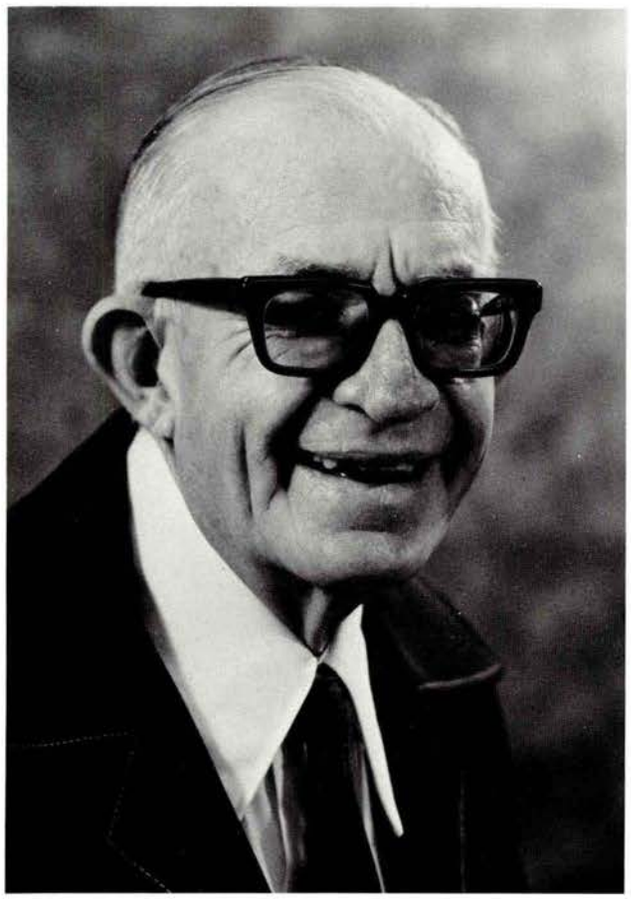
dennis brockland, instructor



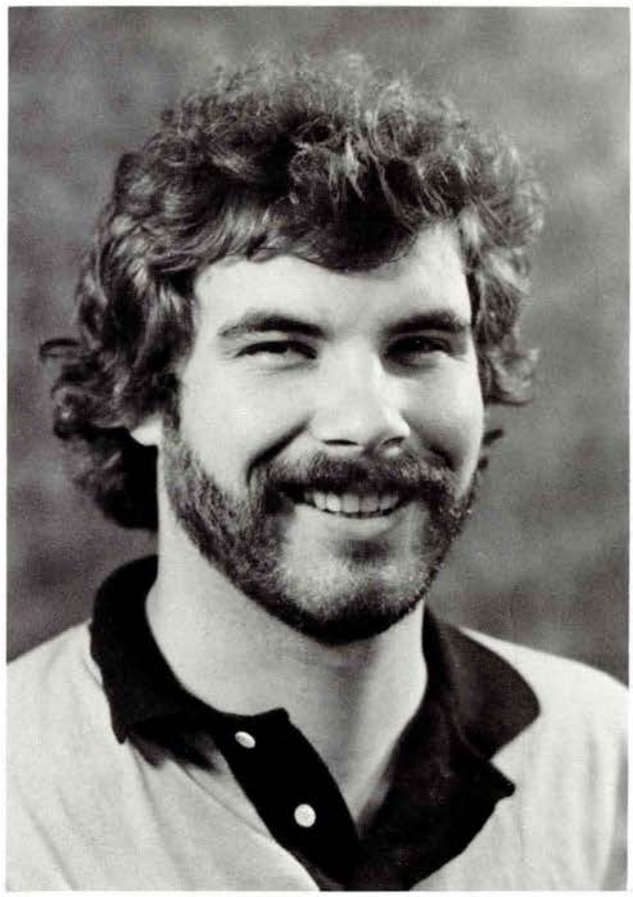
stefan plumacher, adjunct instructor

"what's gone and what's past help should be past grief"
— shakespeare

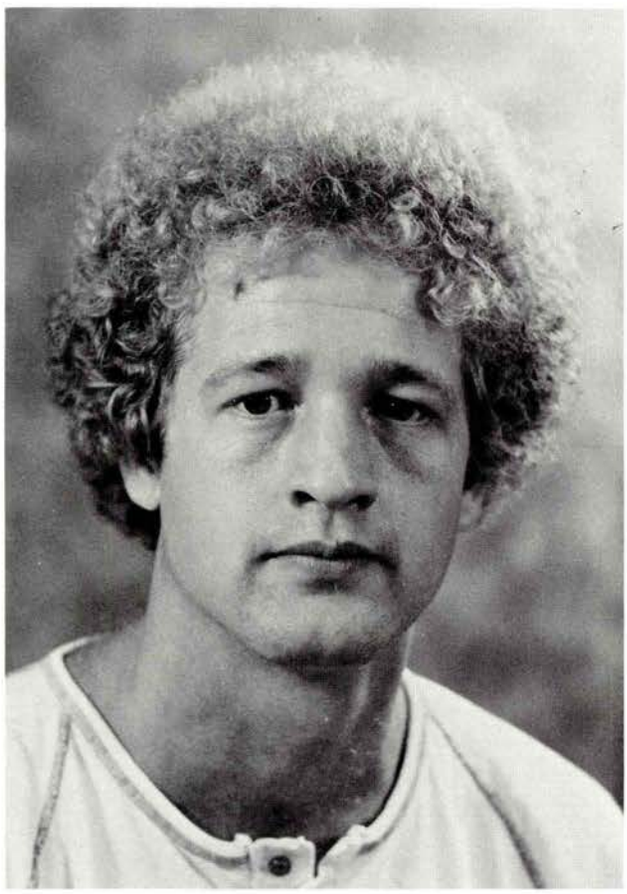
Industrial Engineering Department



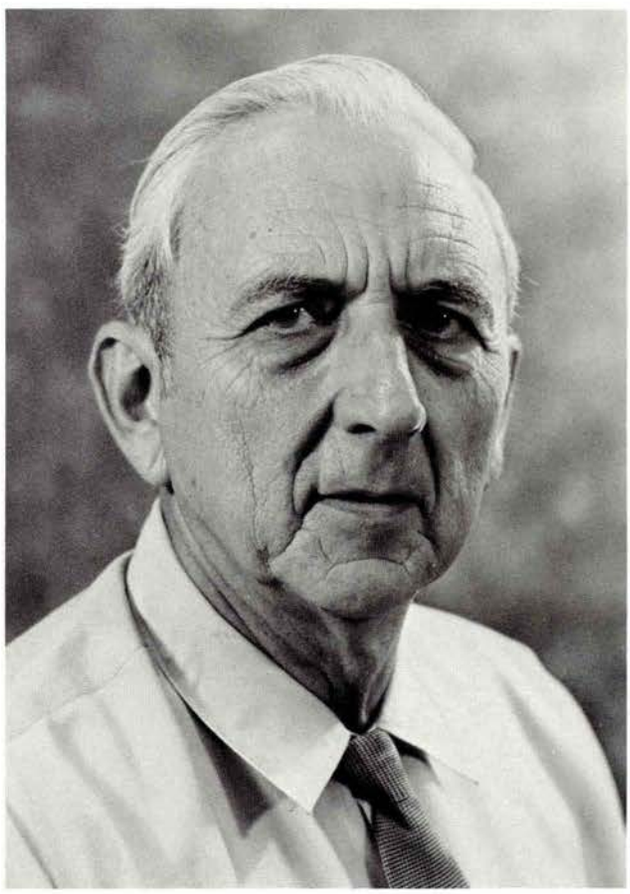
willard wilson, chairperson, engineering science



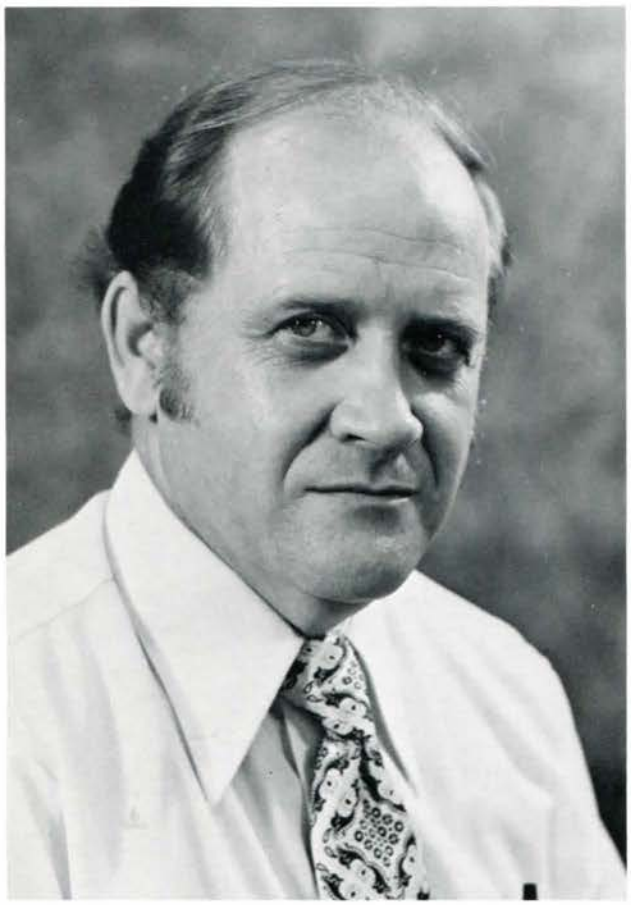
ben albright, adjunct instructor, engineering science



tom boyles, adjunct instructor, engineering science (part-time)

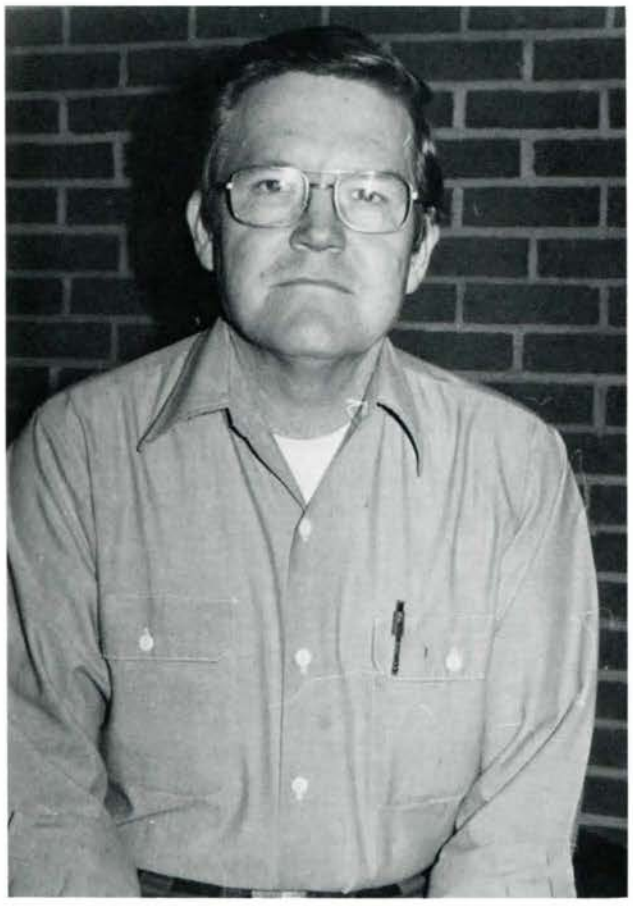


roger carter, instructor, industrial engineering



ray miller, instructor, drafting and arts and crafts

james rowland, coordinator/instructor, fire science

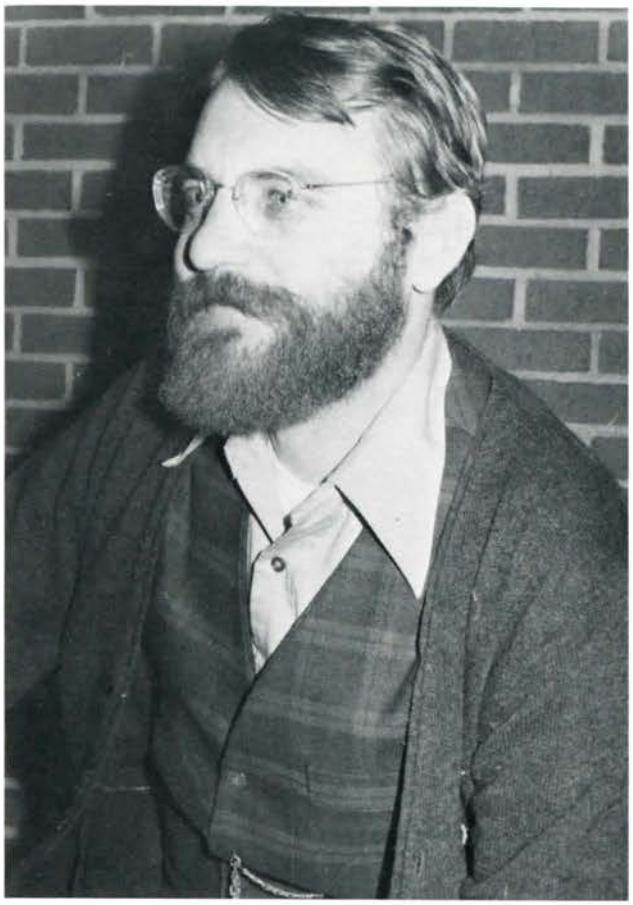


shirley smith, instructor, automotive mechanics

Learning
is finding out
what you already know.
Doing is demonstrating that
you know it.
Teaching is reminding others.
that they know just as well as you.
You are all learners,
doers, teachers.

— bach —

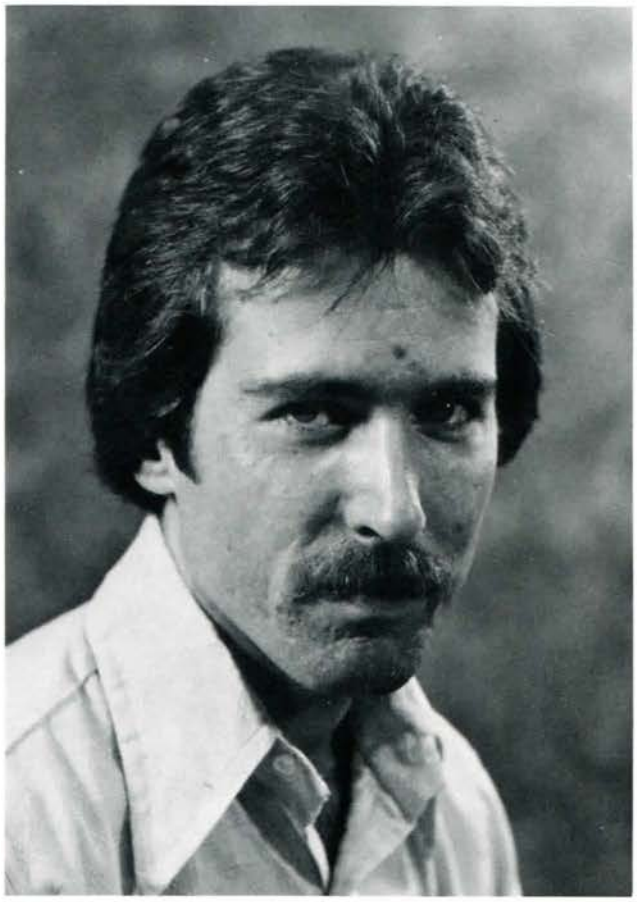
English and Humanities Department



roy mcgalliard, chairperson/instructor

george m. fouts, instructor

alex huppe, instructor



dale kaufman, instructor

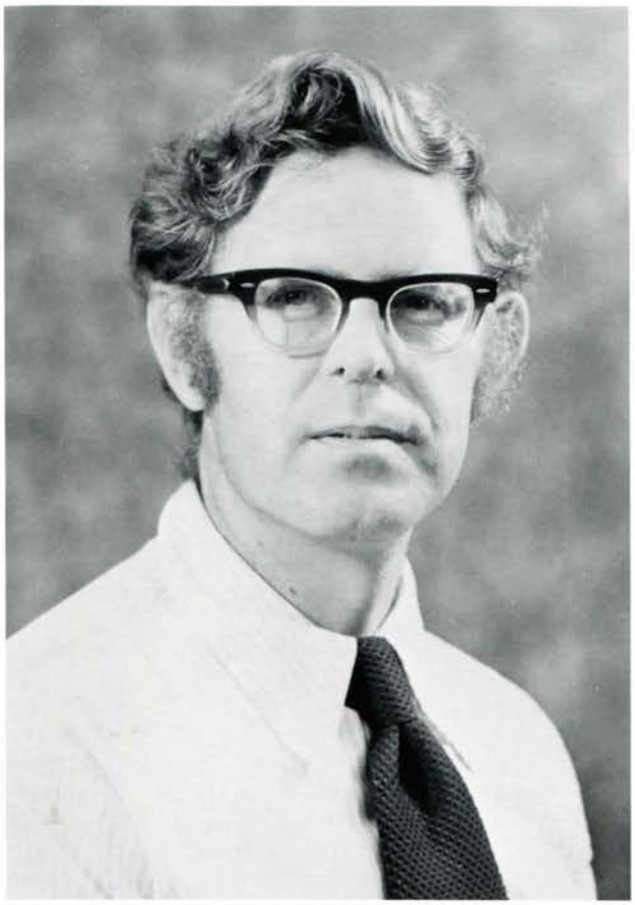
mildred messick. instructor, english and guided studies

john d. whiteheart, instructor

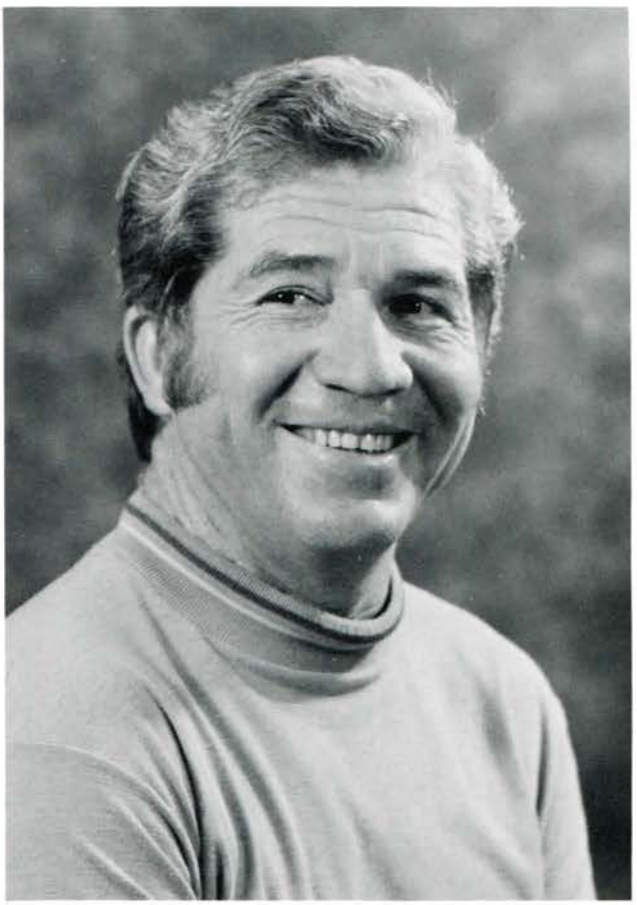
louise white, adjunct instructor

"SOMETIMES NAKED, SOMETIMES MAD
NOW AS A SCHOLAR, NOW AS A FOOL
THUS THEY APPEAR ON EARTH
THE FREE MEN"

Natural Science and Mathematics Department



jack m. huss, chairperson/instructor

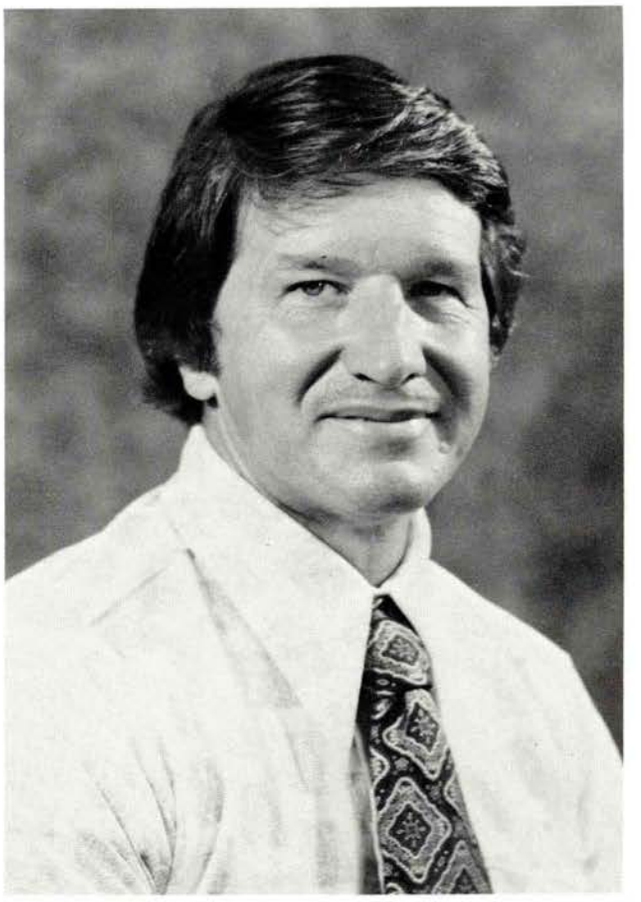


fred e. acuff, instructor, natural science

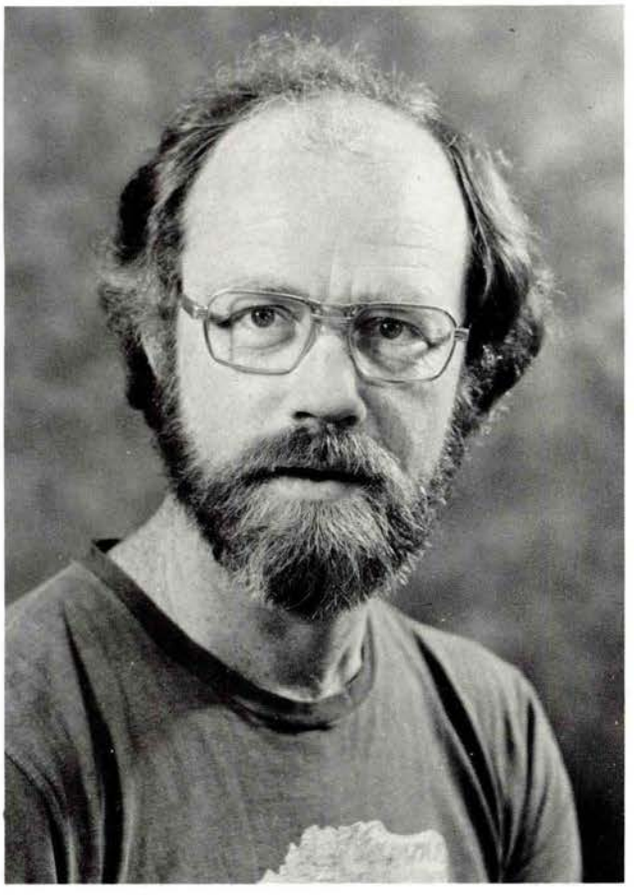
gwen m. eller, instructor, biology

tommy o. eller, instructor, mathematics

ruby harbison, instructor, biology



albert setzer, instructor, physics

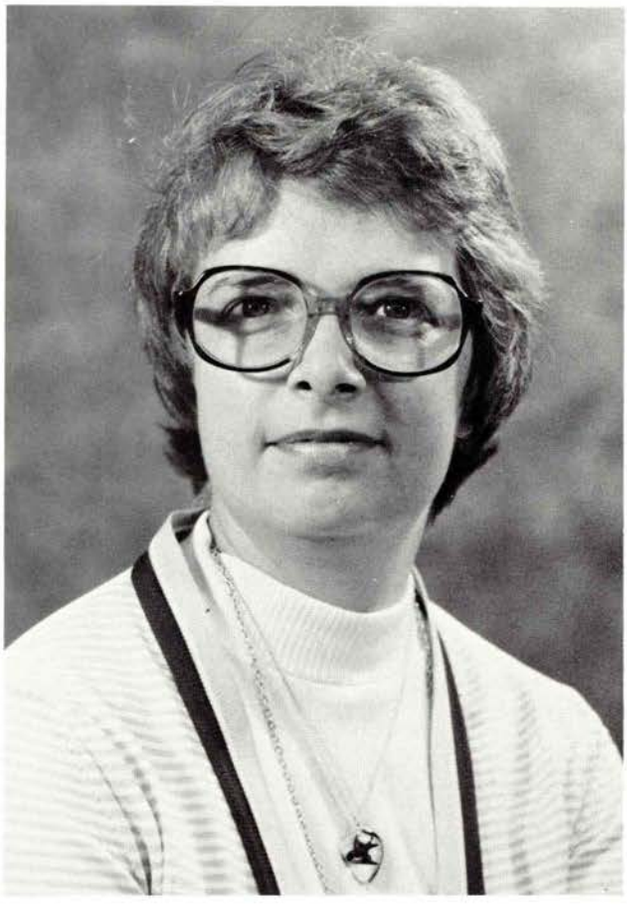


robert j. wilkins, instructor, biology

odell witherspoon, instructor, mathematics

richard hawes, instructor, biology (Not pictured)

Nursing Department



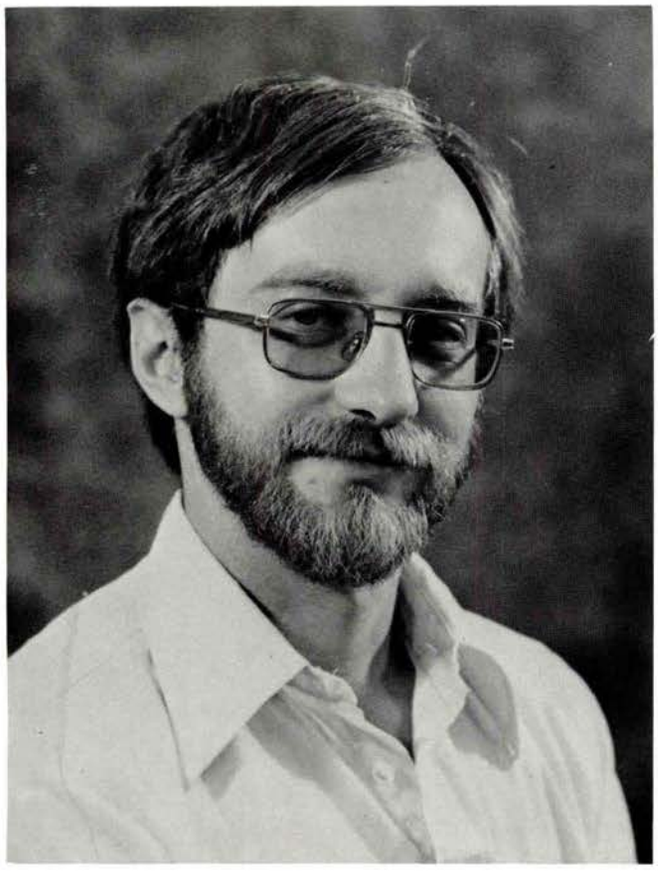
marlene rosenkoetter, chairperson/instructor

patricia crumpler, instructor

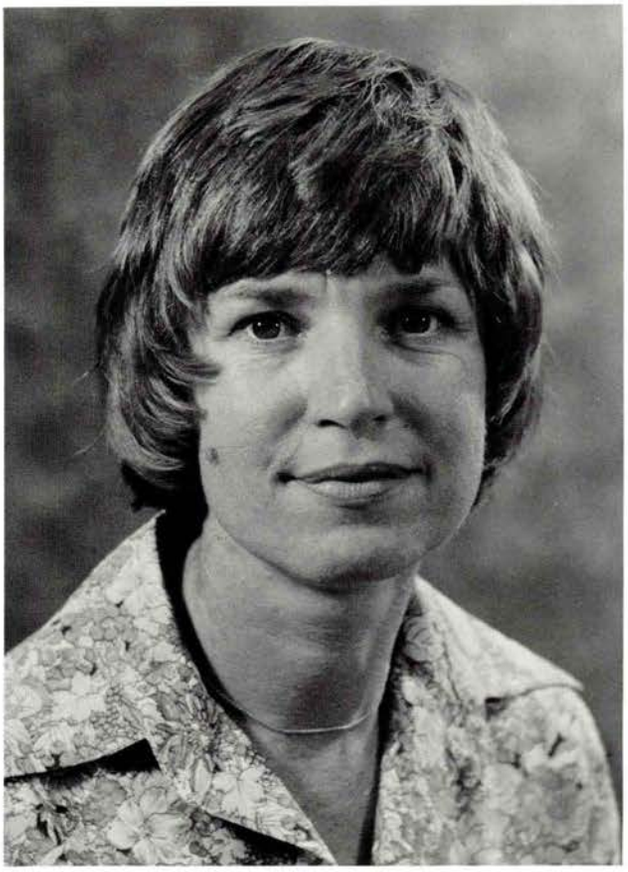
linda brown, instructor

anita peterkin, instructor

"the symptoms of disease are marked by purpose, and the purpose is beneficent. the processes of disease aim not at the destruction of life, but at the saving of it"
— frederick treves



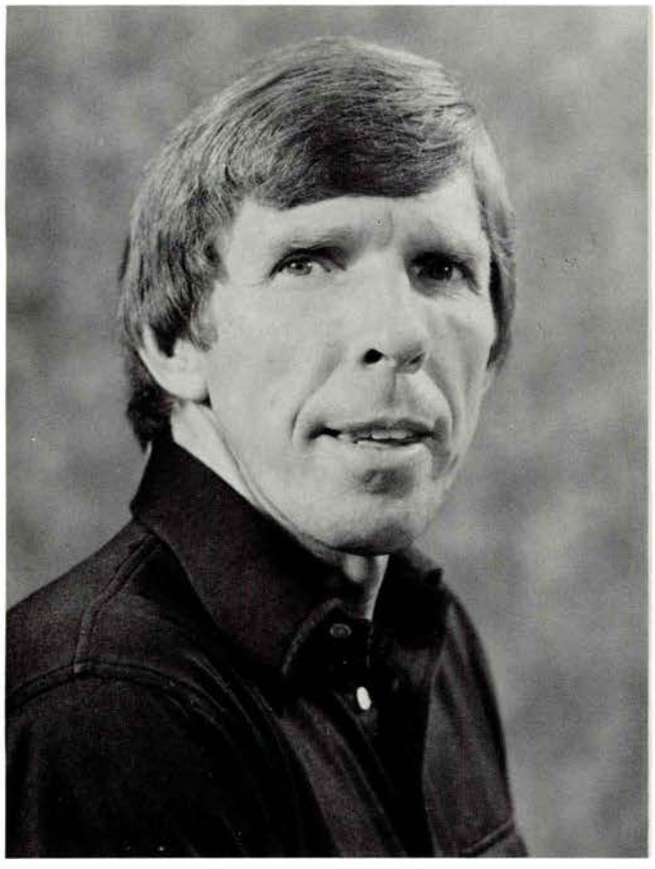
edward turowski, instructor



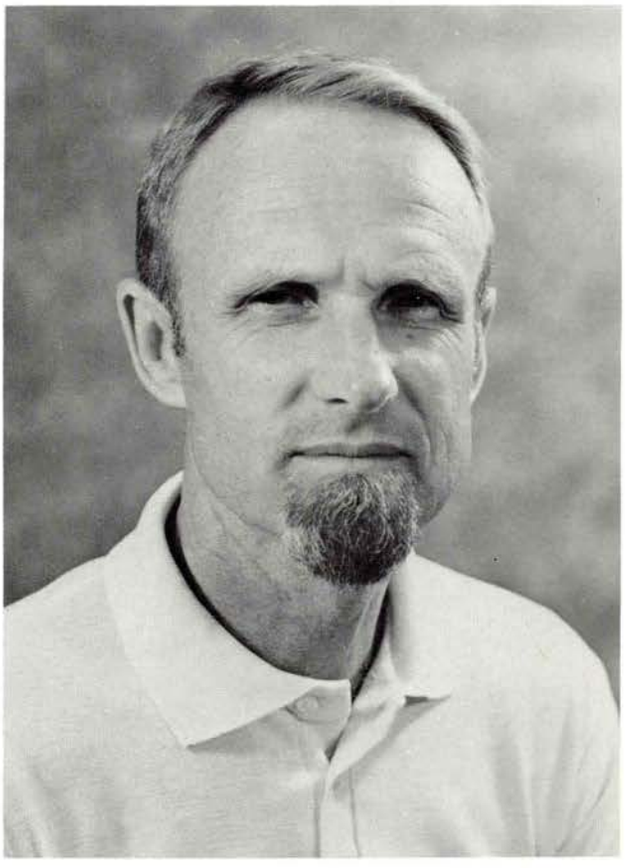
mary alice withers, instructor

Physical Education

lois dechert, not pictured.

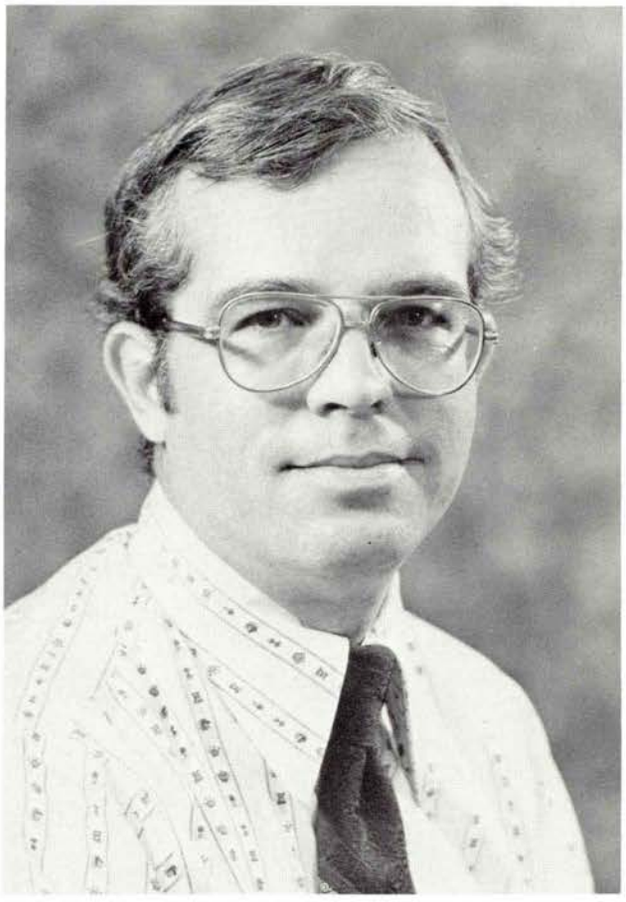


charles galyon, coordinator/instructor

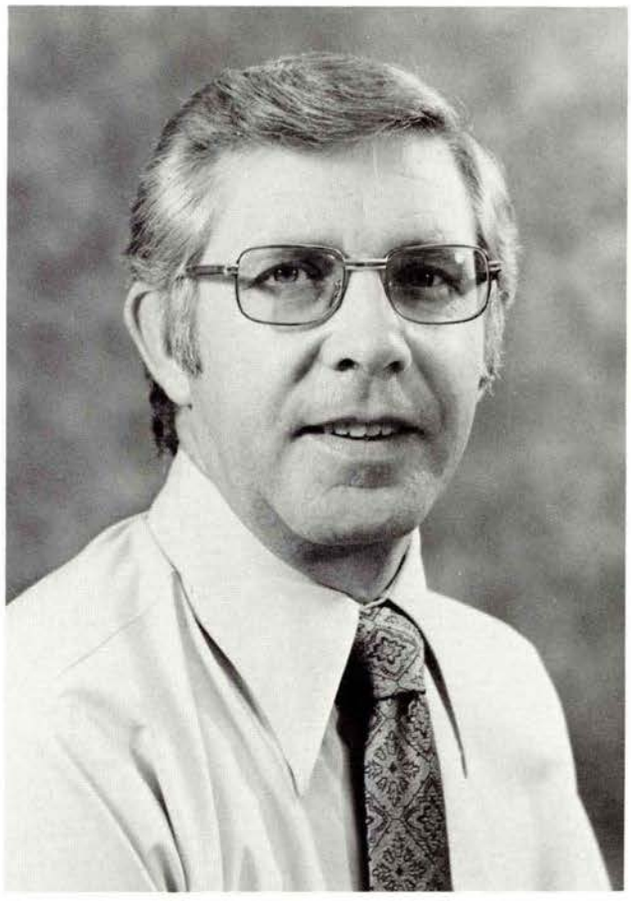


robert benner, instructor

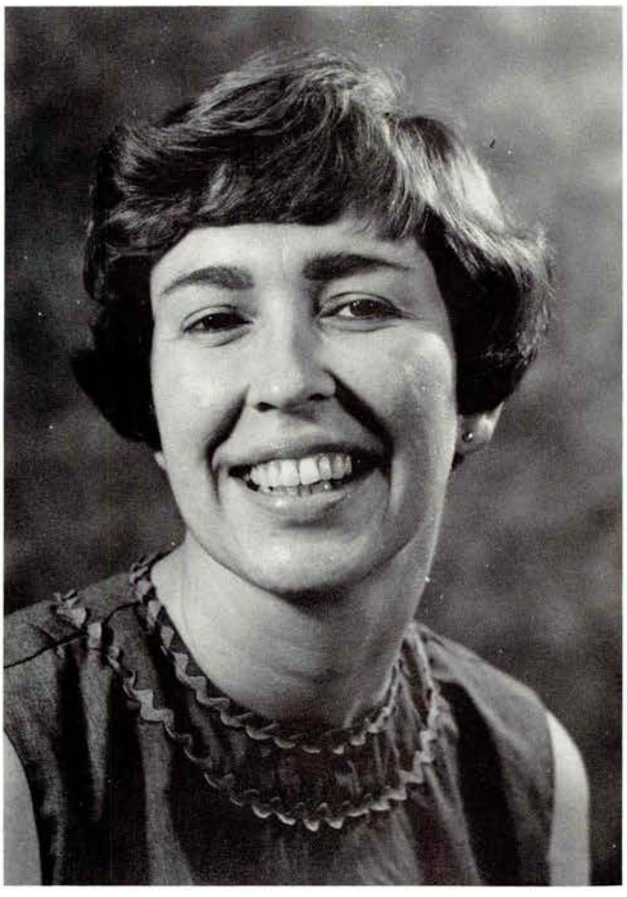
Social and Behavioral Science



larry r. clark, chairperson/instructor, history



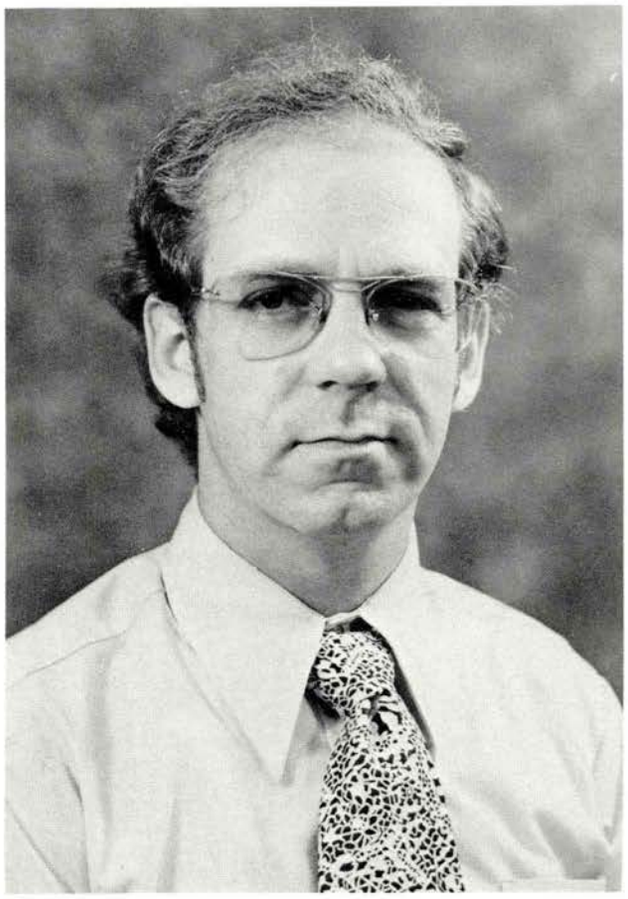
grady church, instructor, sociology and psychology



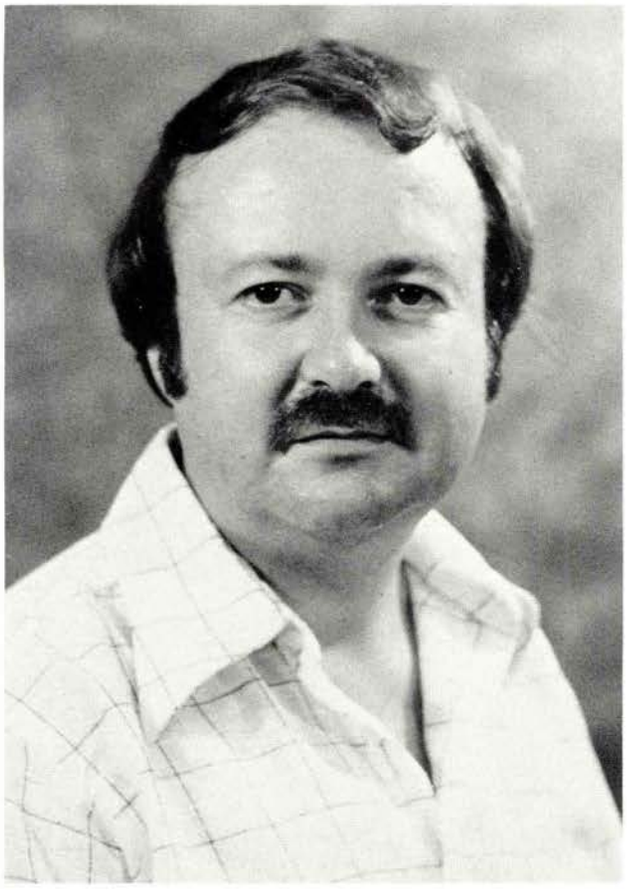
joanne johnston, instructor, sociology and mental health

ruth thomas, instructor, history and education

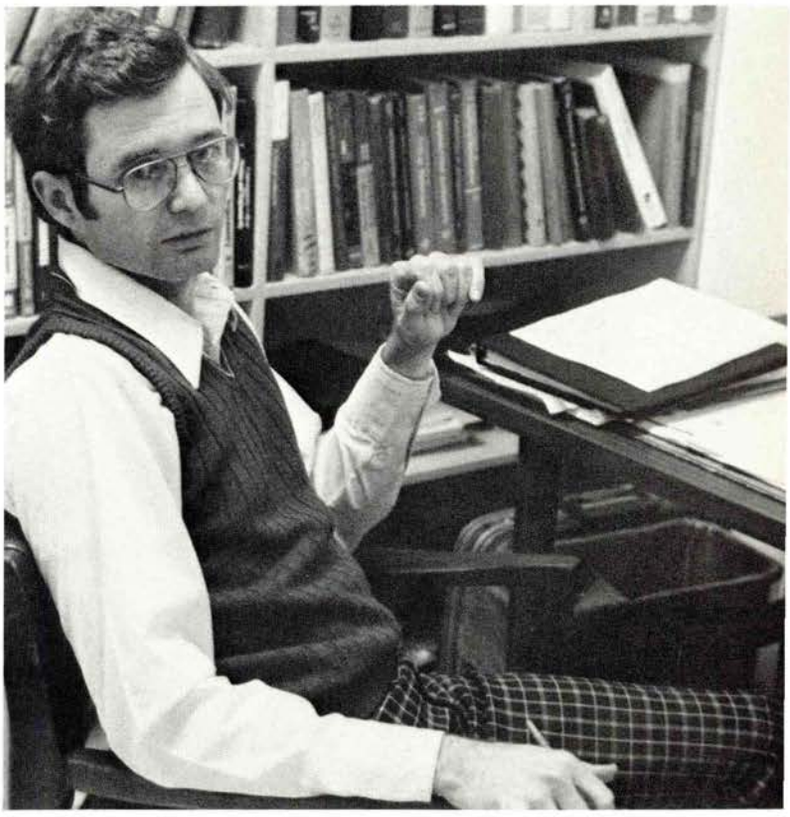
carolyn west, instructor, psychology



larry whitlock, coordinator/instructor, mental health program

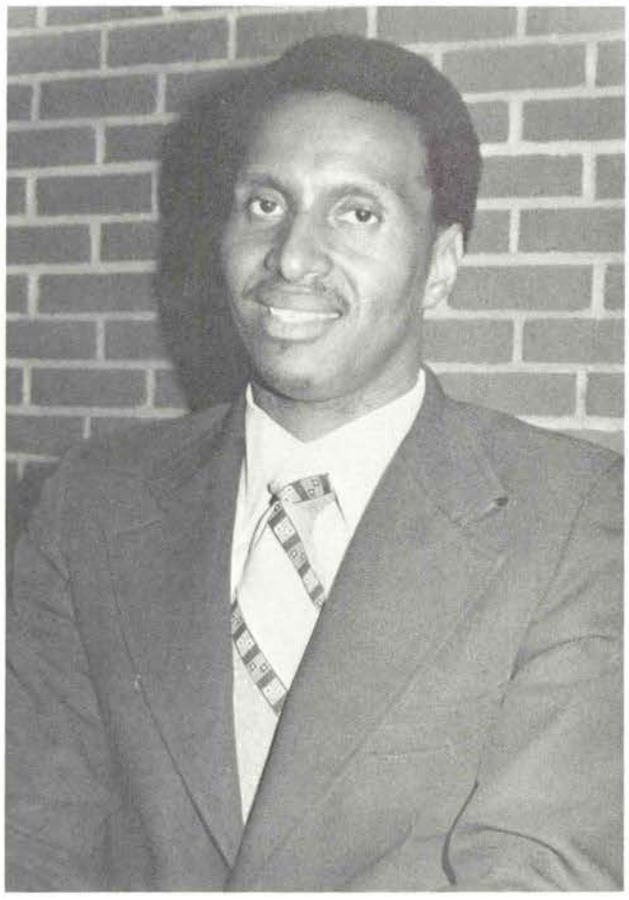


william young, instructor, history and political science

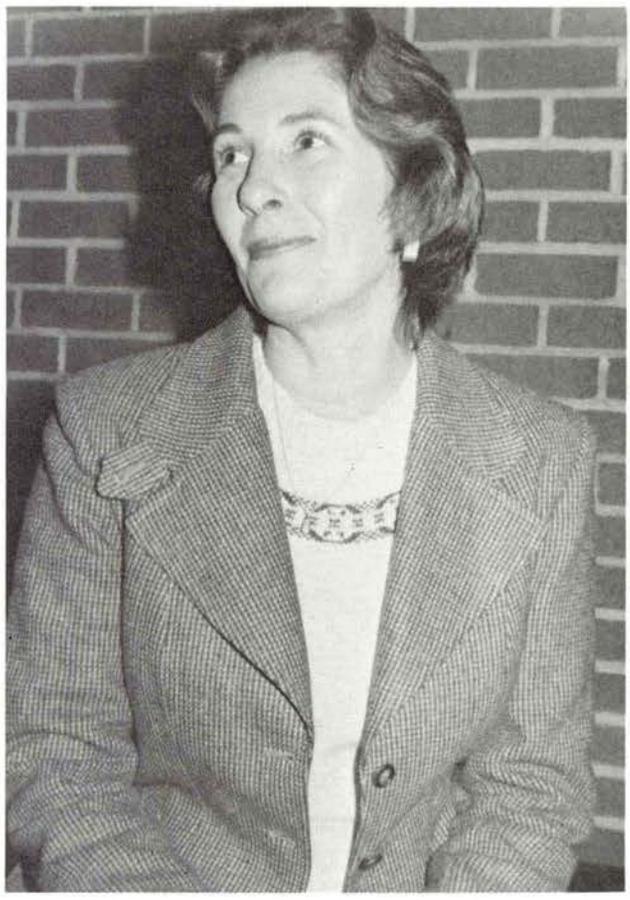


"i have been on the curriculum committee so long th i am not sure which department is which"

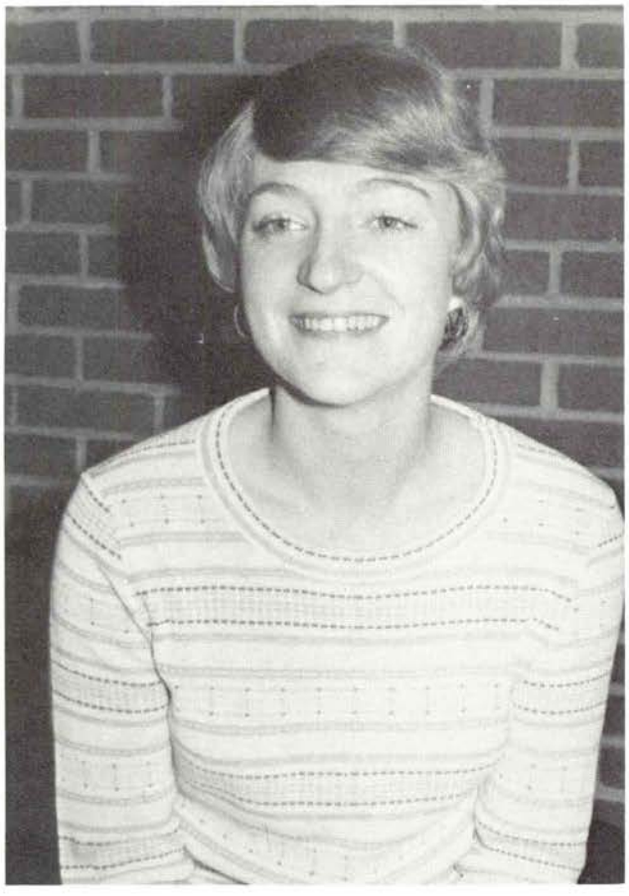
Human Resources Development



alvin corpening, recruiter/instructor



mary giles, recruiter/instructor



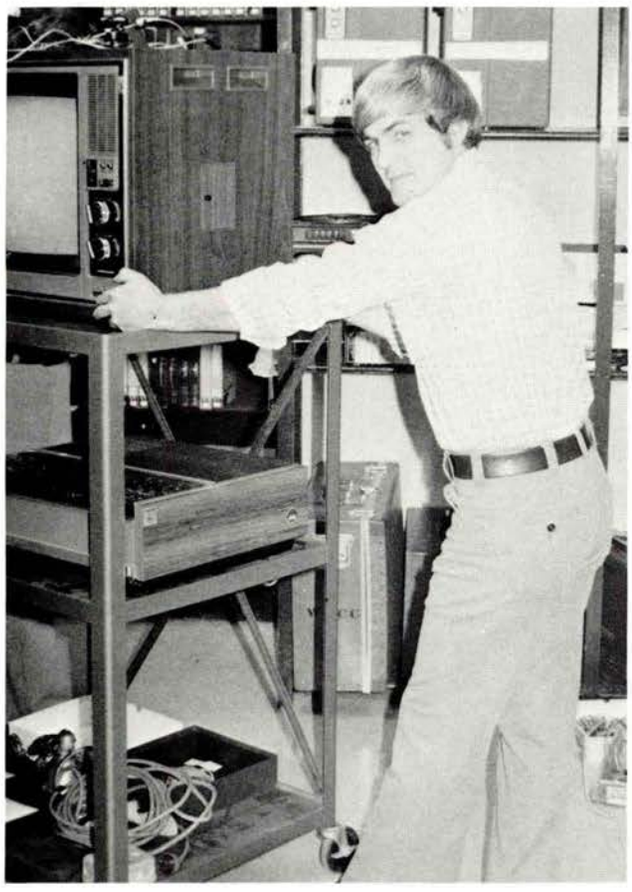
vickie holland, secretary, human resources development program

dana combs, secretary

Learning Lab

betty lawing, chief coordinator

becky caraway, coordinator



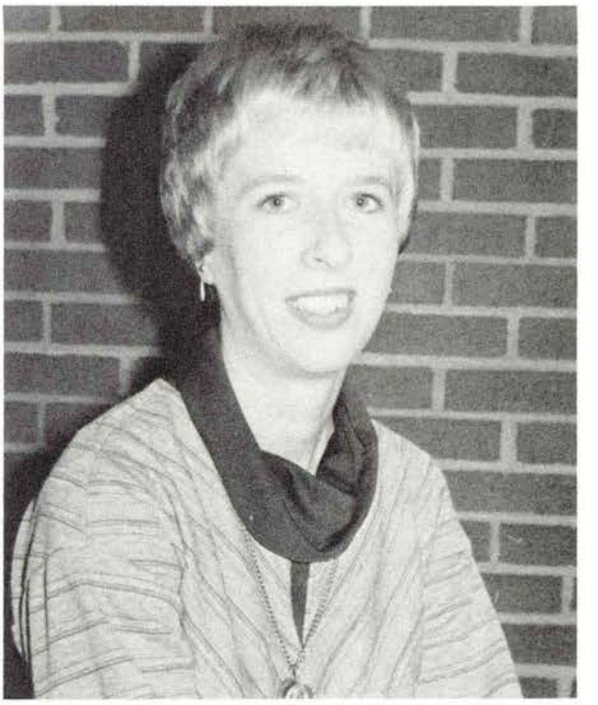
max noles, audiovisual technician

"no man can live happily who regards himself alone; who turns everything to his own advantage. thou must live for another, if thou wishes to live for thyself"
— seneca

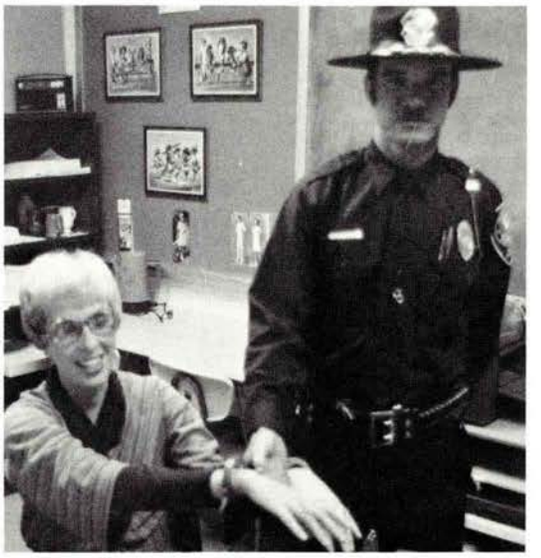
"so on and on i go,
the seconds tick the time out,
there's so much left to know,
and i'm on the way to find out"
— cat stevens

Clerical and Technical Staff

mavis burnette, secretary, allied health and social sciences



linda dale, secretary, nursing, criminal justice and physical education



lenada lehn, secretary, english and humanities, math, and engineering science

debra poteat, secretary, business education

deborah carswell, secretary, continuing education

paula franklin, secretary, continuing education

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revonda skeens, secretary, continuing education

barbara williams, office coordinator, continuing education

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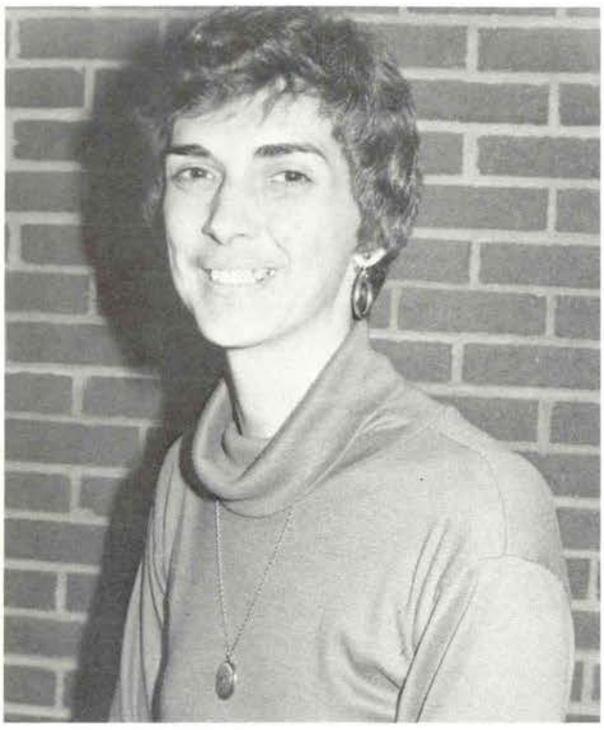

mary carswell, office coordinator, student services

claudia morgan, secretary, student services

"i'm going to build a monument to these people who really get the work done around here"

nancy pearson, secretary, student services

julia sims, secretary, student services

susie haigler, secretary, learning resources

diane tate, library technician

judy smith, secretary/clerk

betty reid, assistant to controller

peggy richardson, cashier

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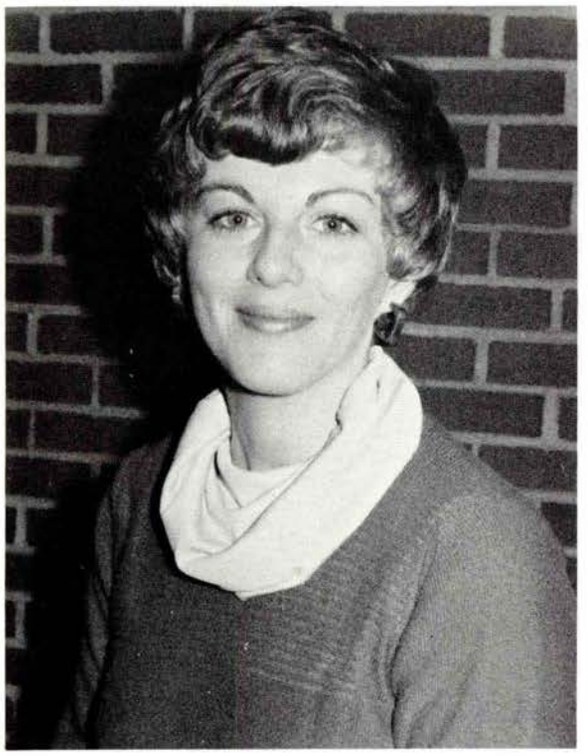
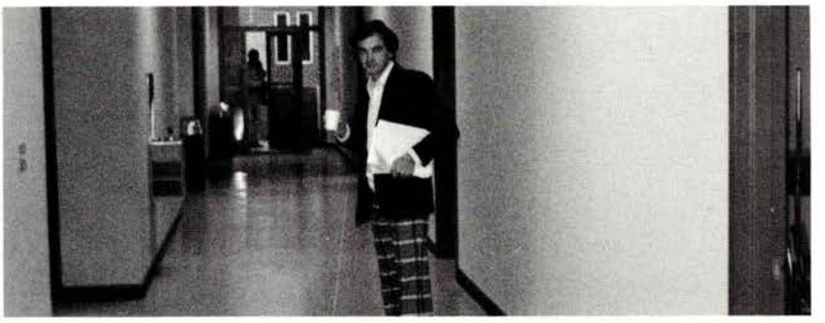


mickie jones, secretary, president and dean

dot whitener, secretary dean of curriculum programs and dean of planning and development

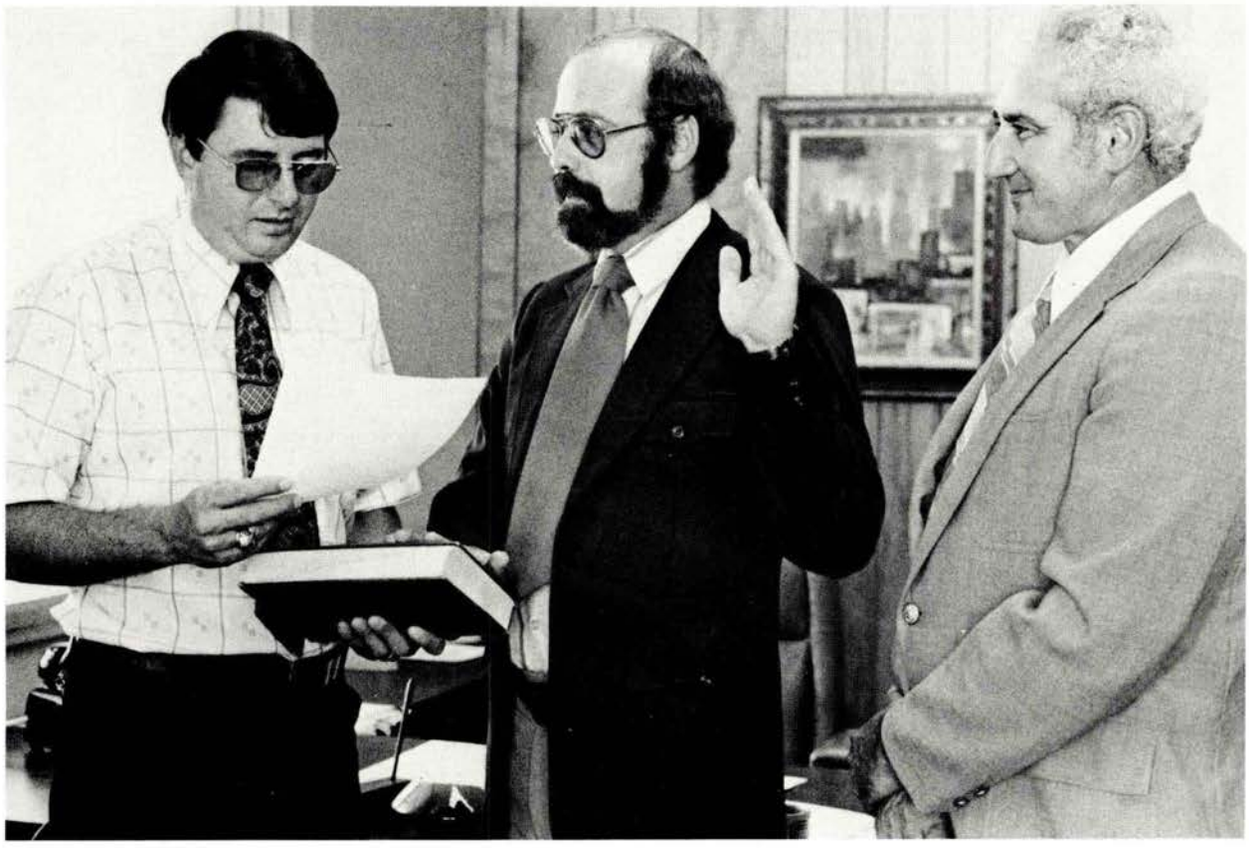


"a man's true wealth is the good he does in the world"
— mohammed

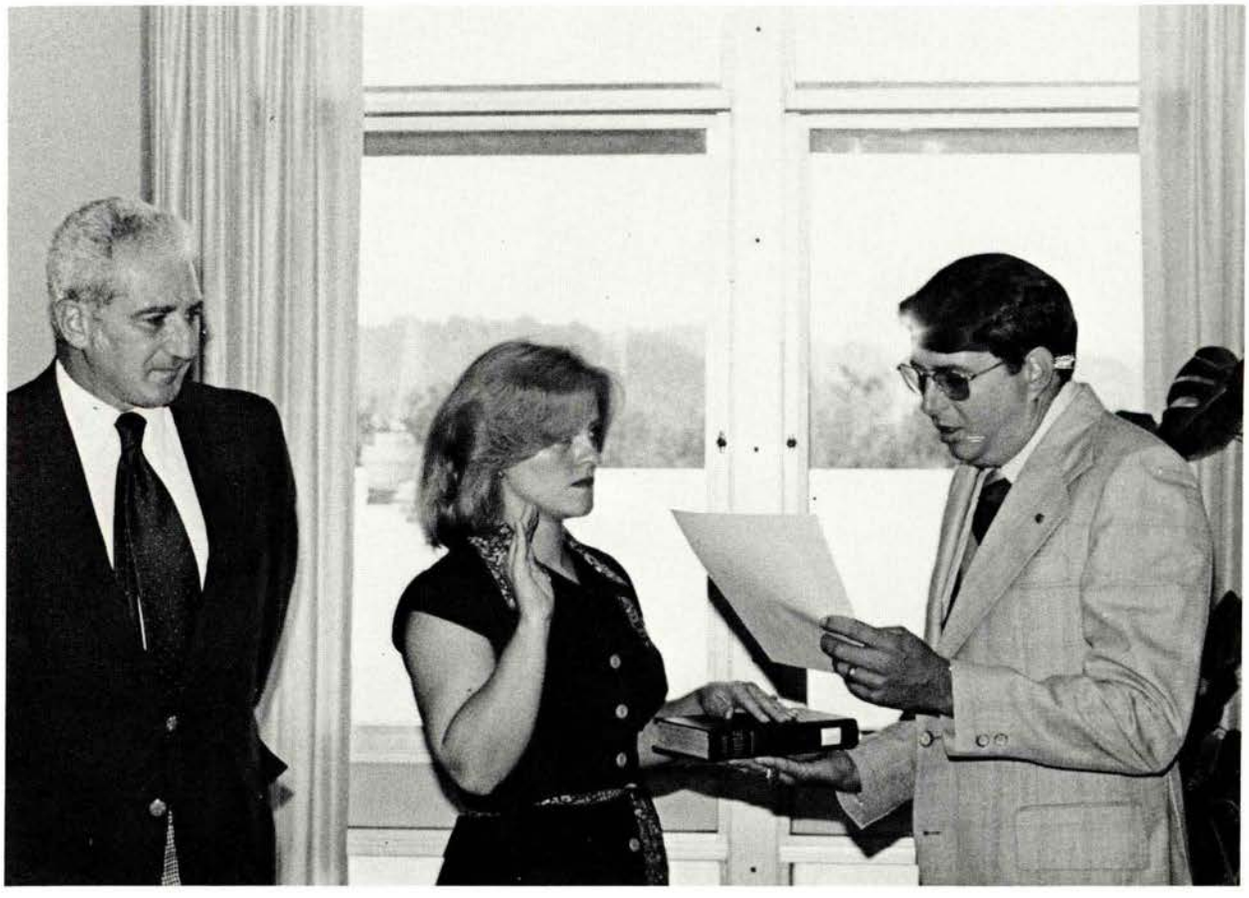
"it's what you learn after you know it all that really counts"
— harry truman

"even more amazing than the wonders of nature are the powers of the spirit"
— helen keller

"boredom is the feeling that everything is a waste of time; serenity that nothing is"
— szasz



richard lowman became the first wpcc student on the board of trustees in the summer of 1977. sheila stevens defeated lowman in the fall elections and became the first woman student member of the board of trustees. president gordon blank and business manager ken clark watch the "changing of the guard."



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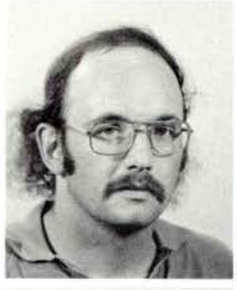

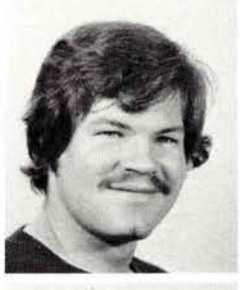

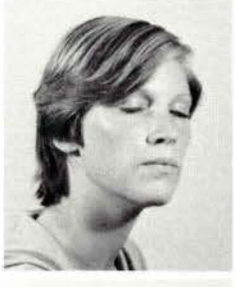

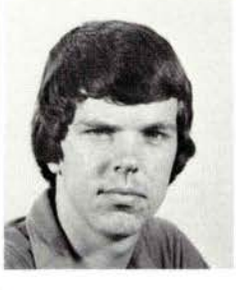

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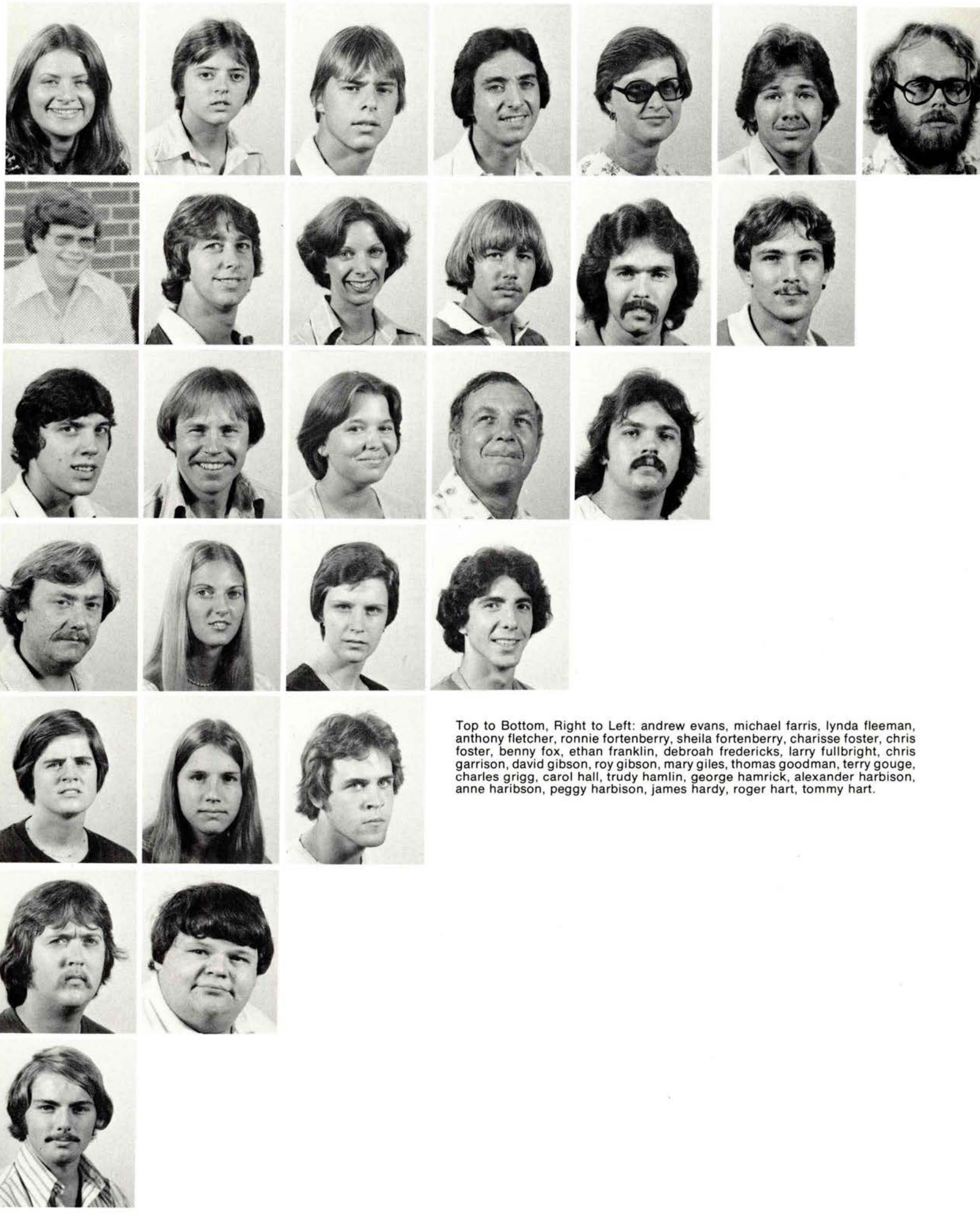

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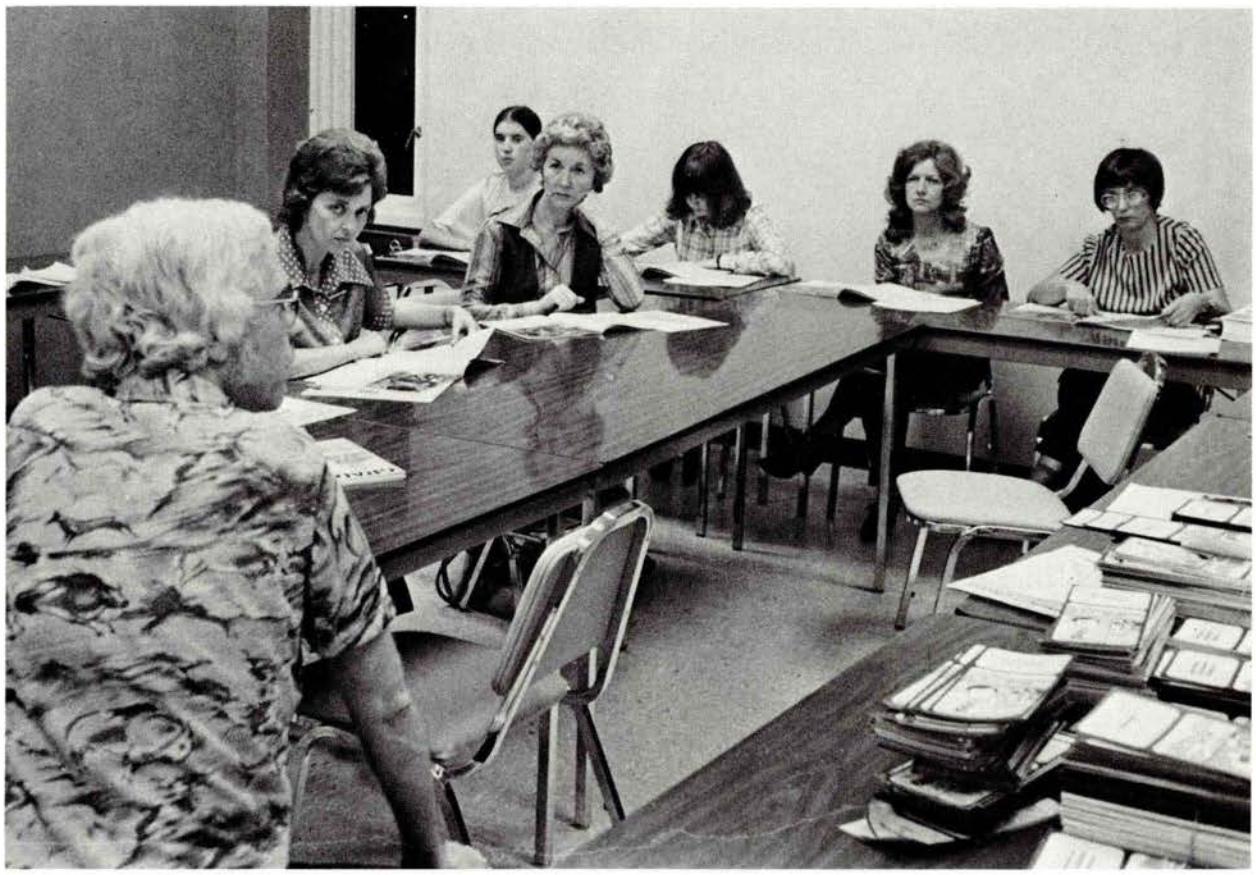
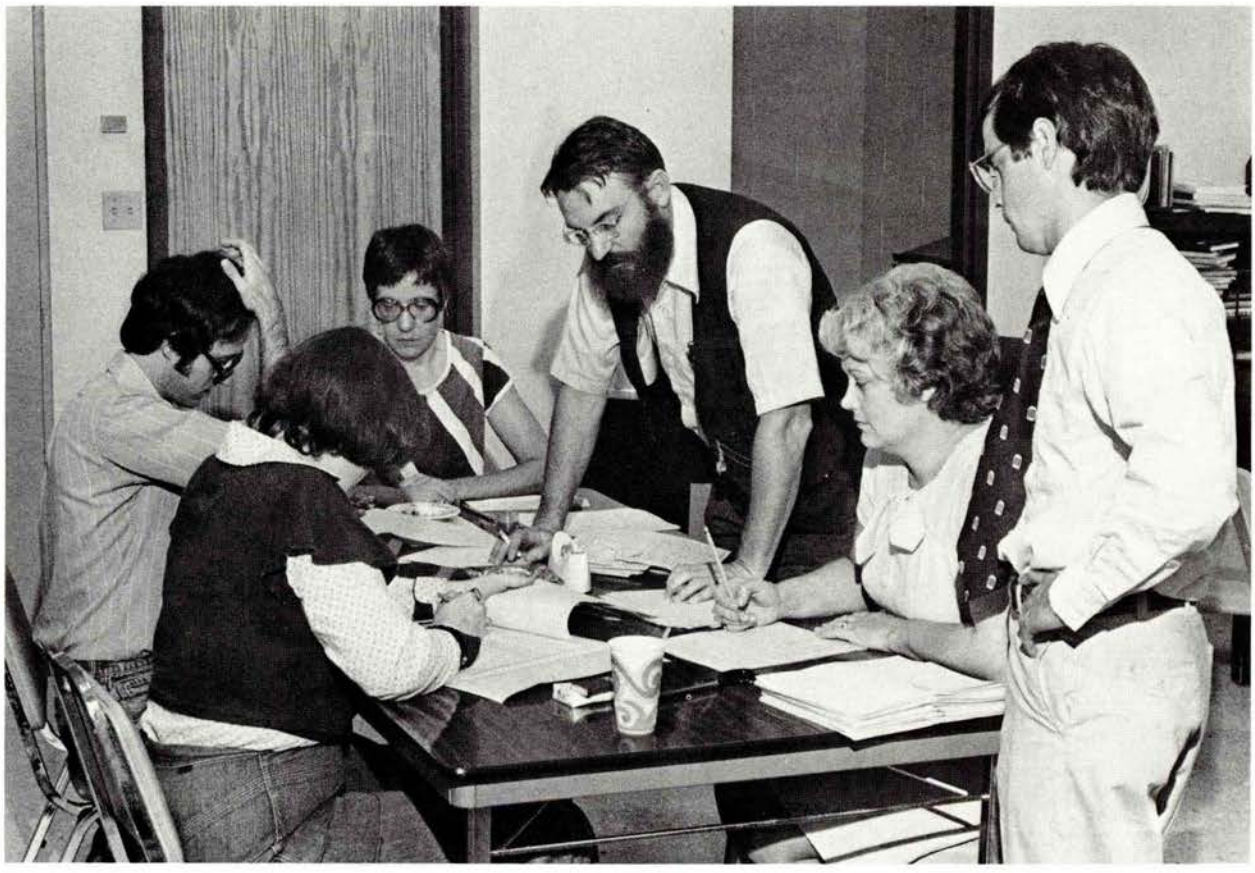
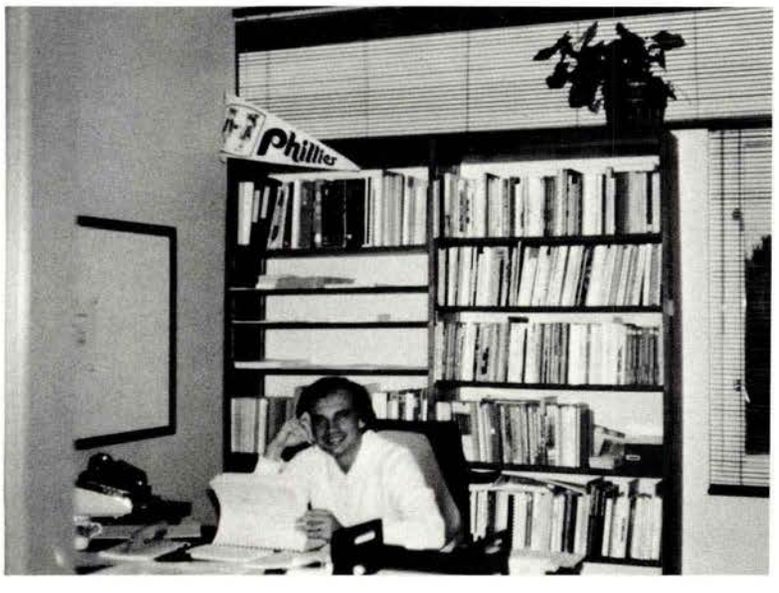


"anyone can change careers at mid-life; i've done it six times."



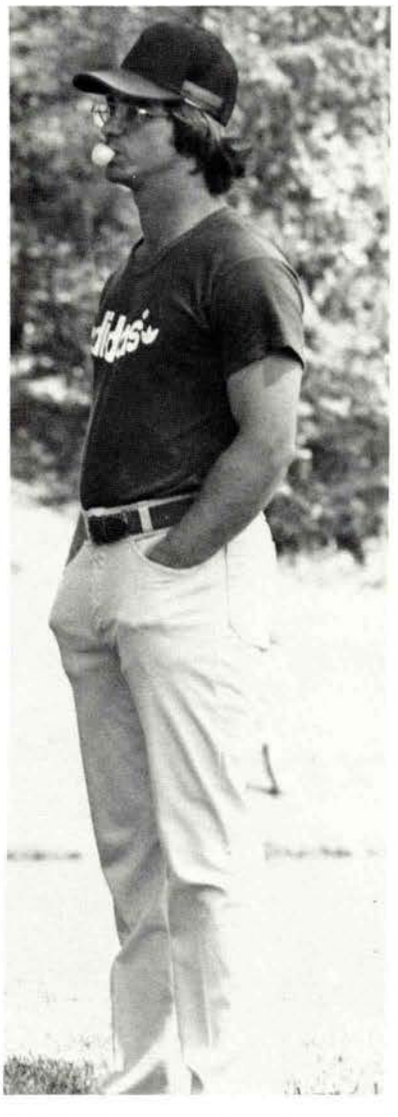
"who the hell asked for a recount?"

"everyone in favor of a Wesson oil room, raise your hand."



"witchcraft? boy, that december issue of gallery was something else!"

"thou hast added insult to injury."
Phaedrus



"somebody holler if they hit one this way."

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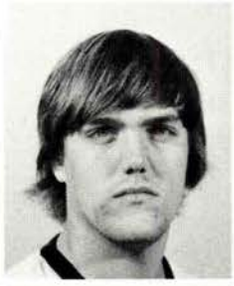

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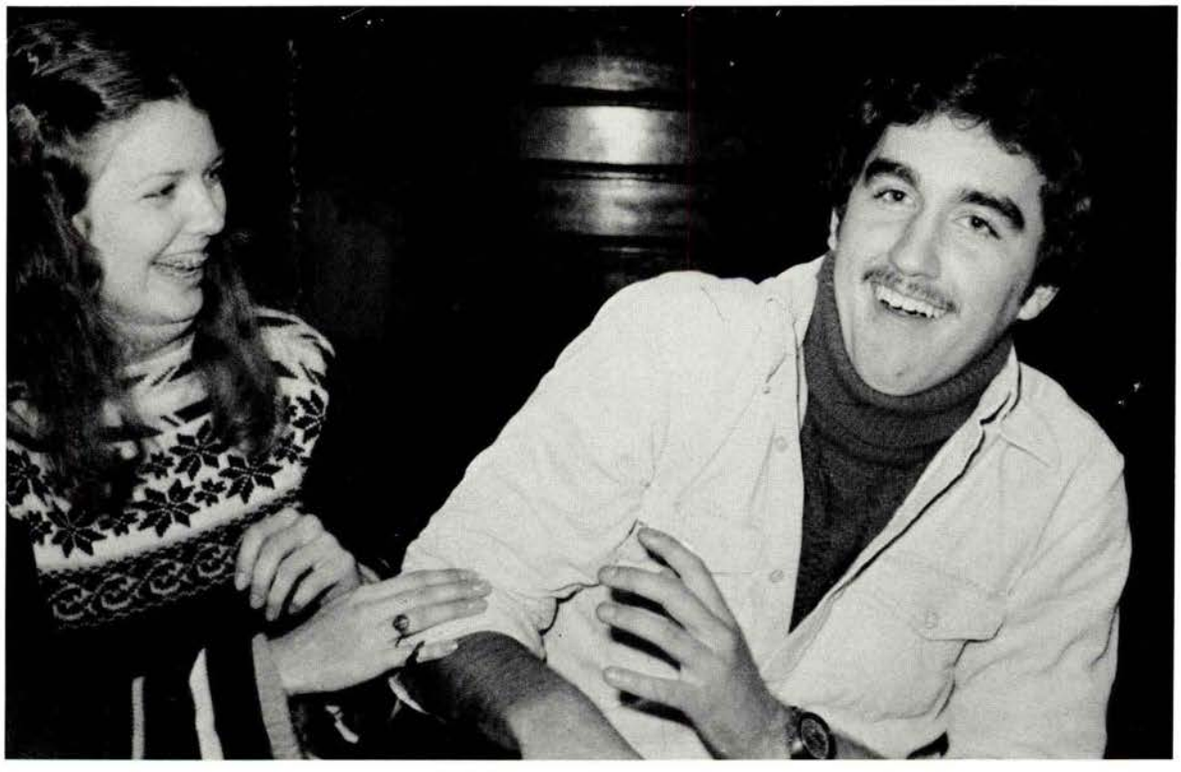
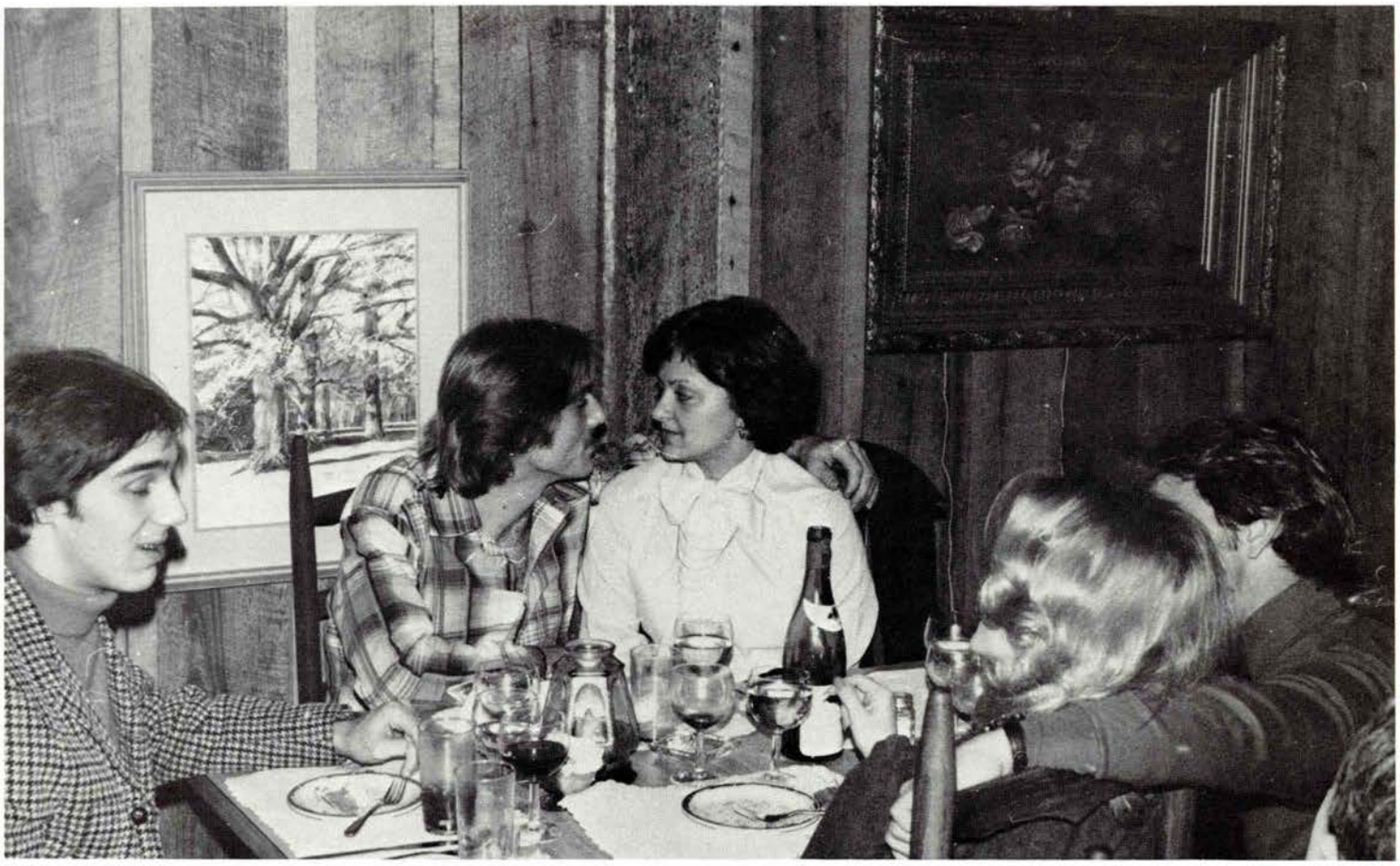
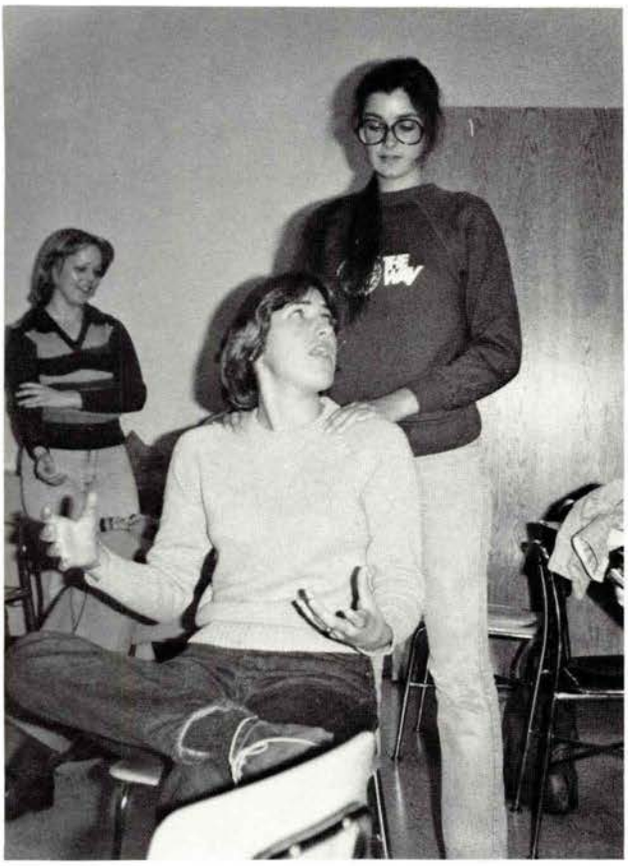


"you WPCC girls are all alike"





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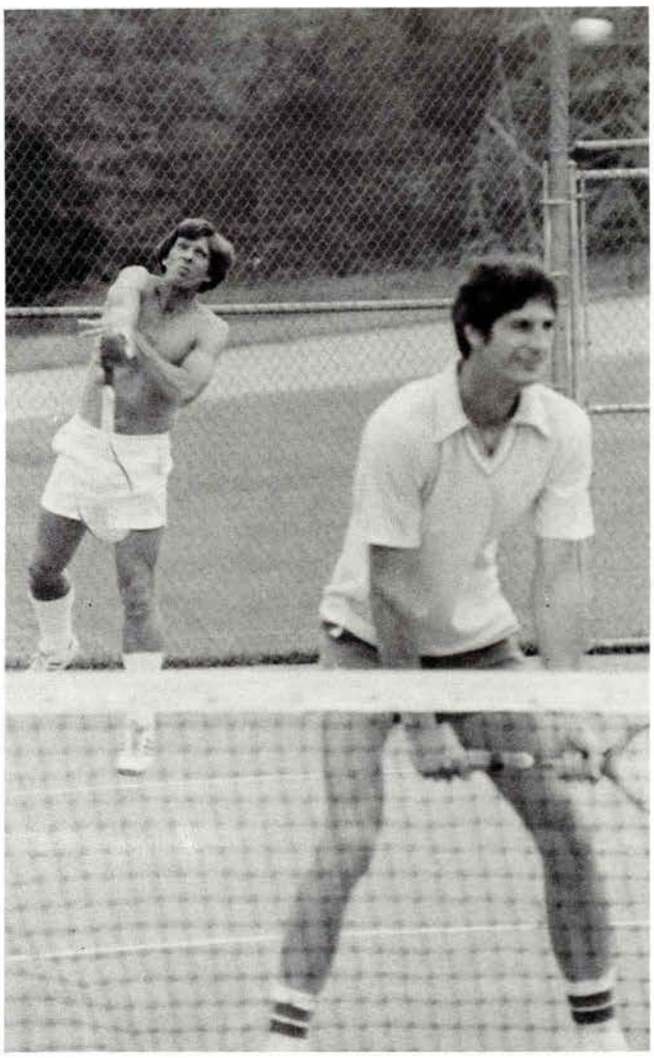
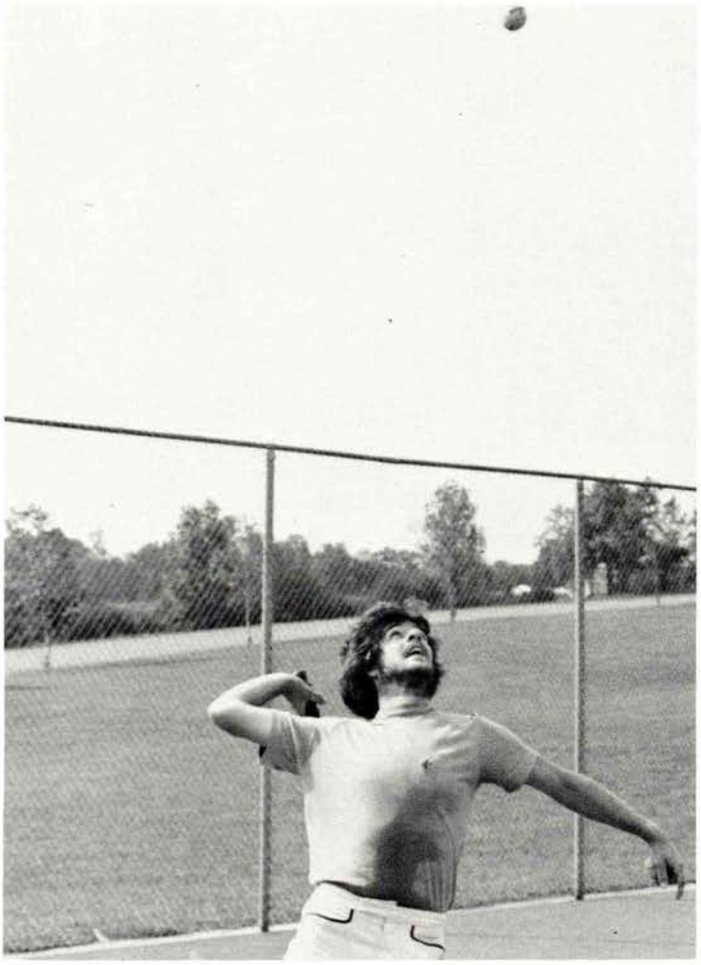


"jimmy conners, eat your heart out . . .



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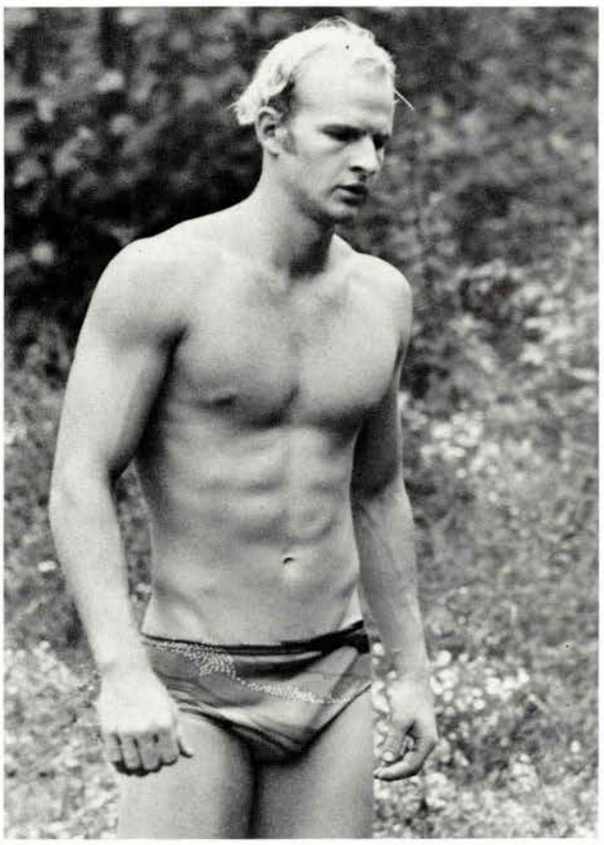

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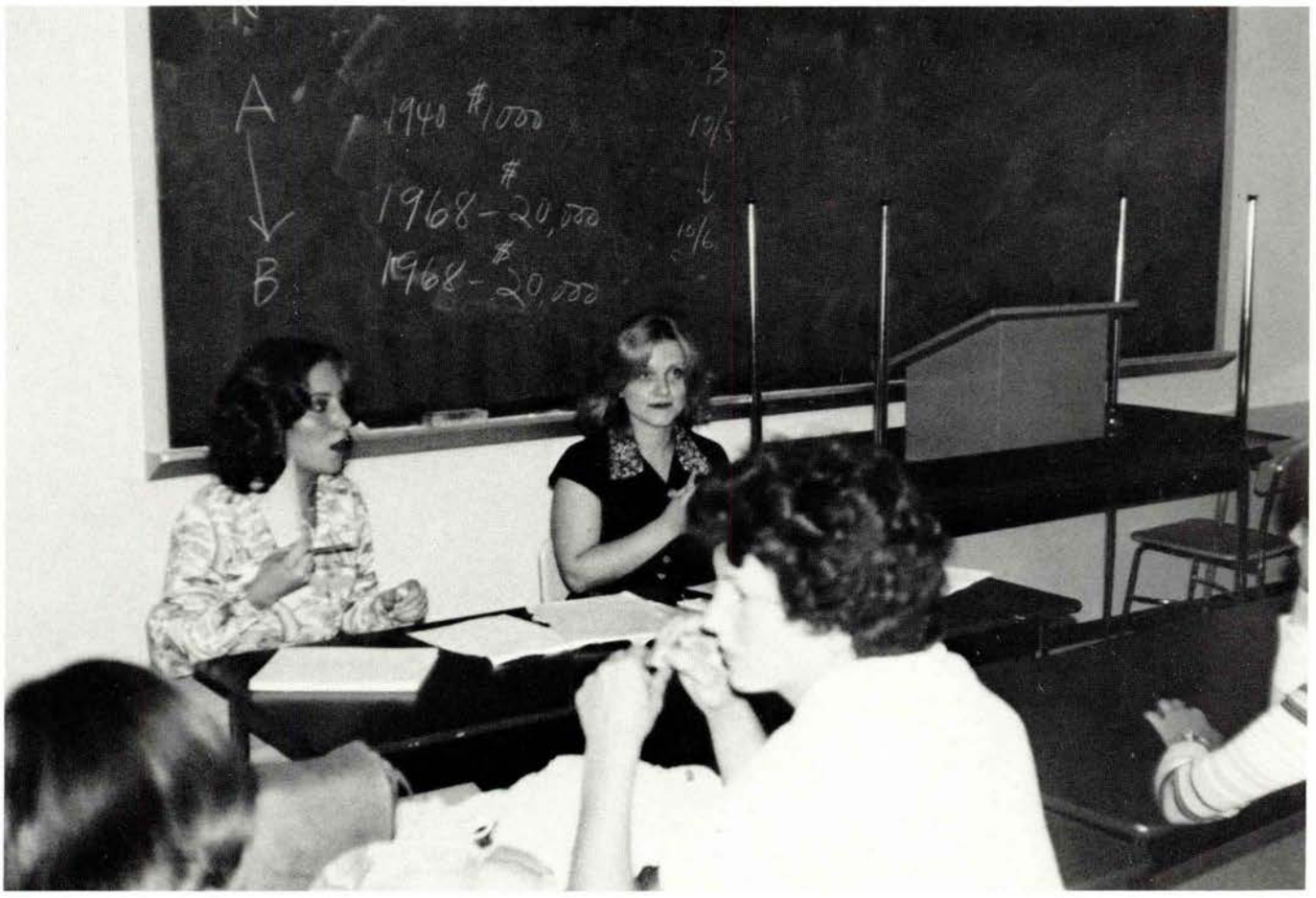

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Accounting T-016

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Business Administration T-018

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Secretarial Science

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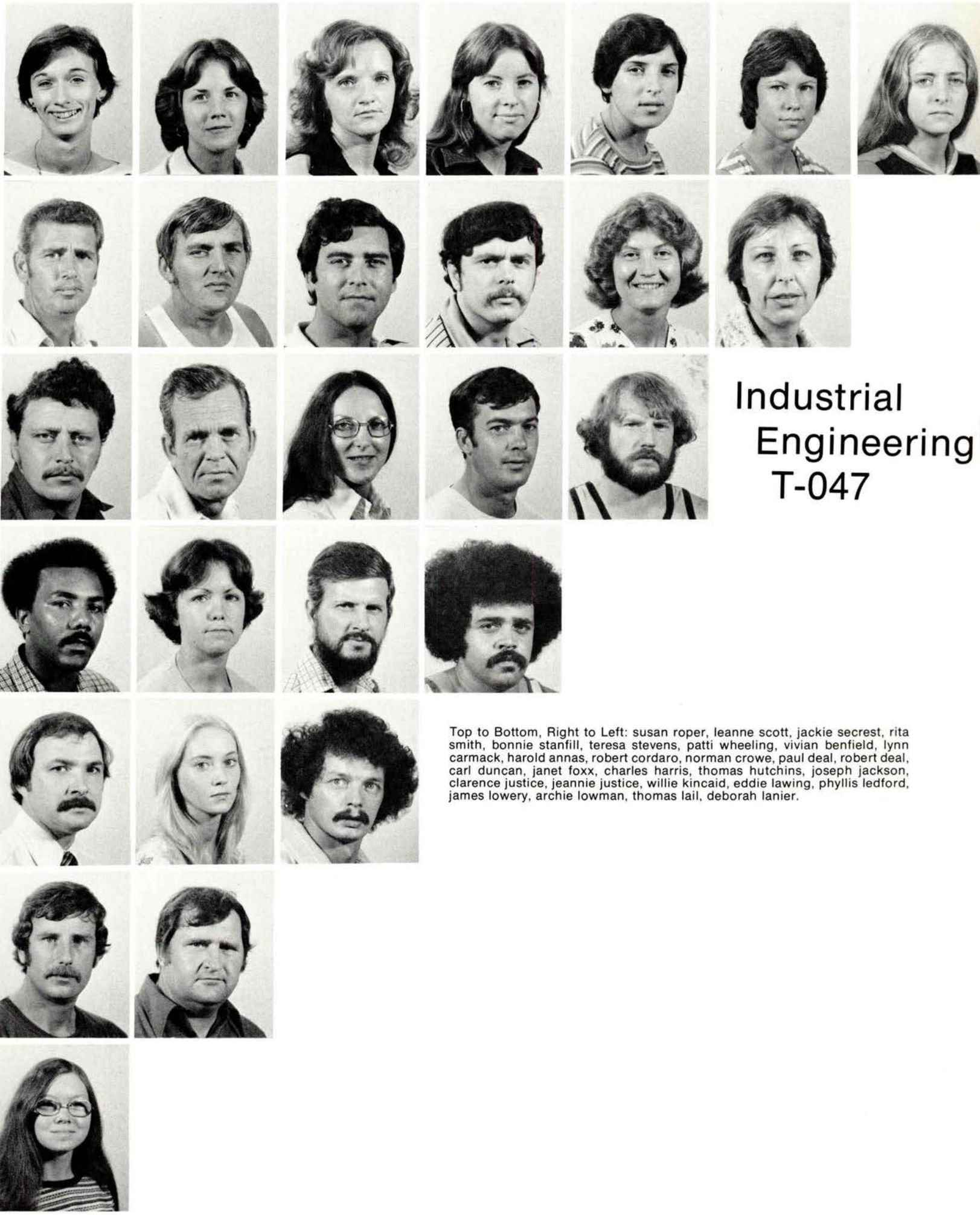

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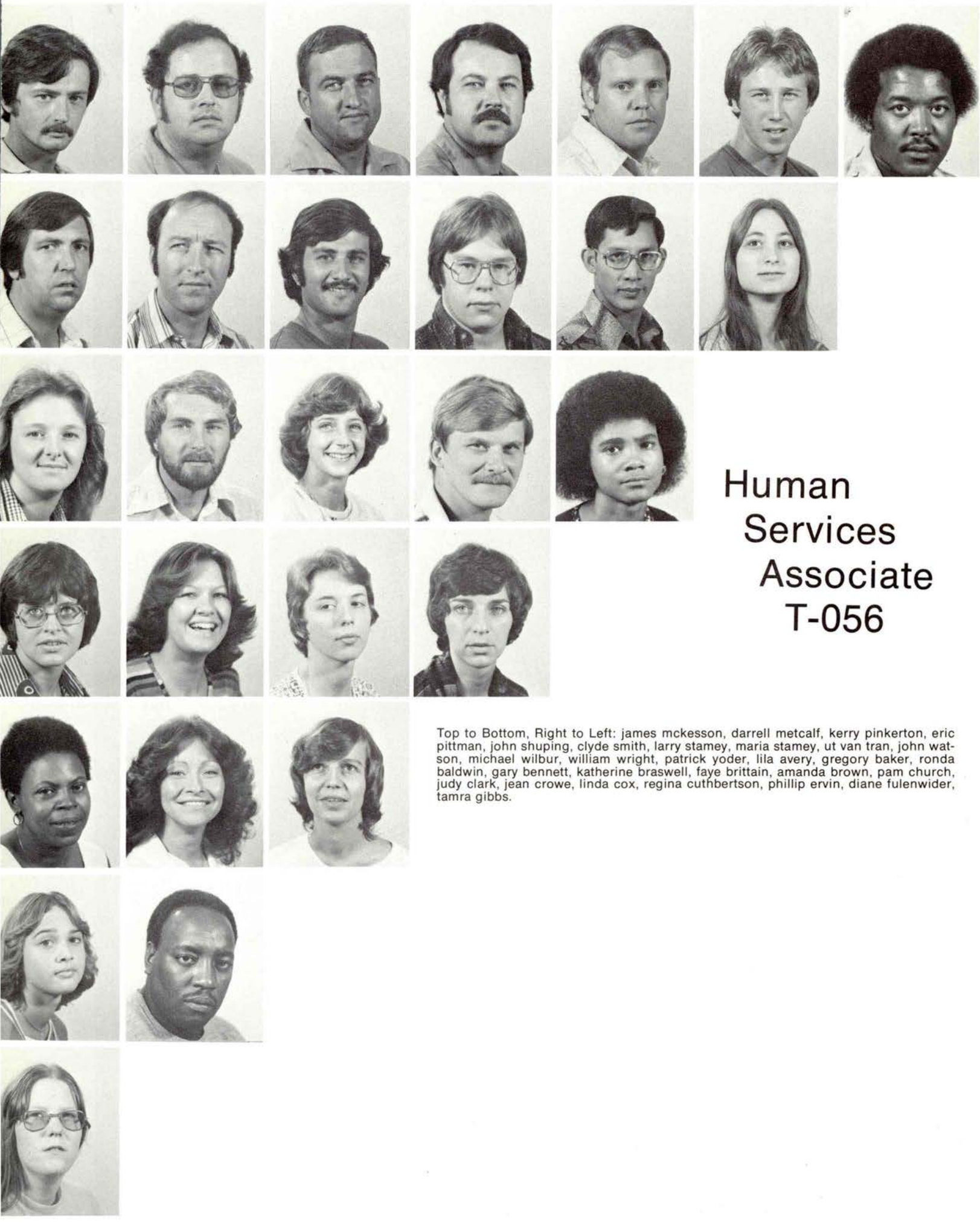

Human Services Associate T-056

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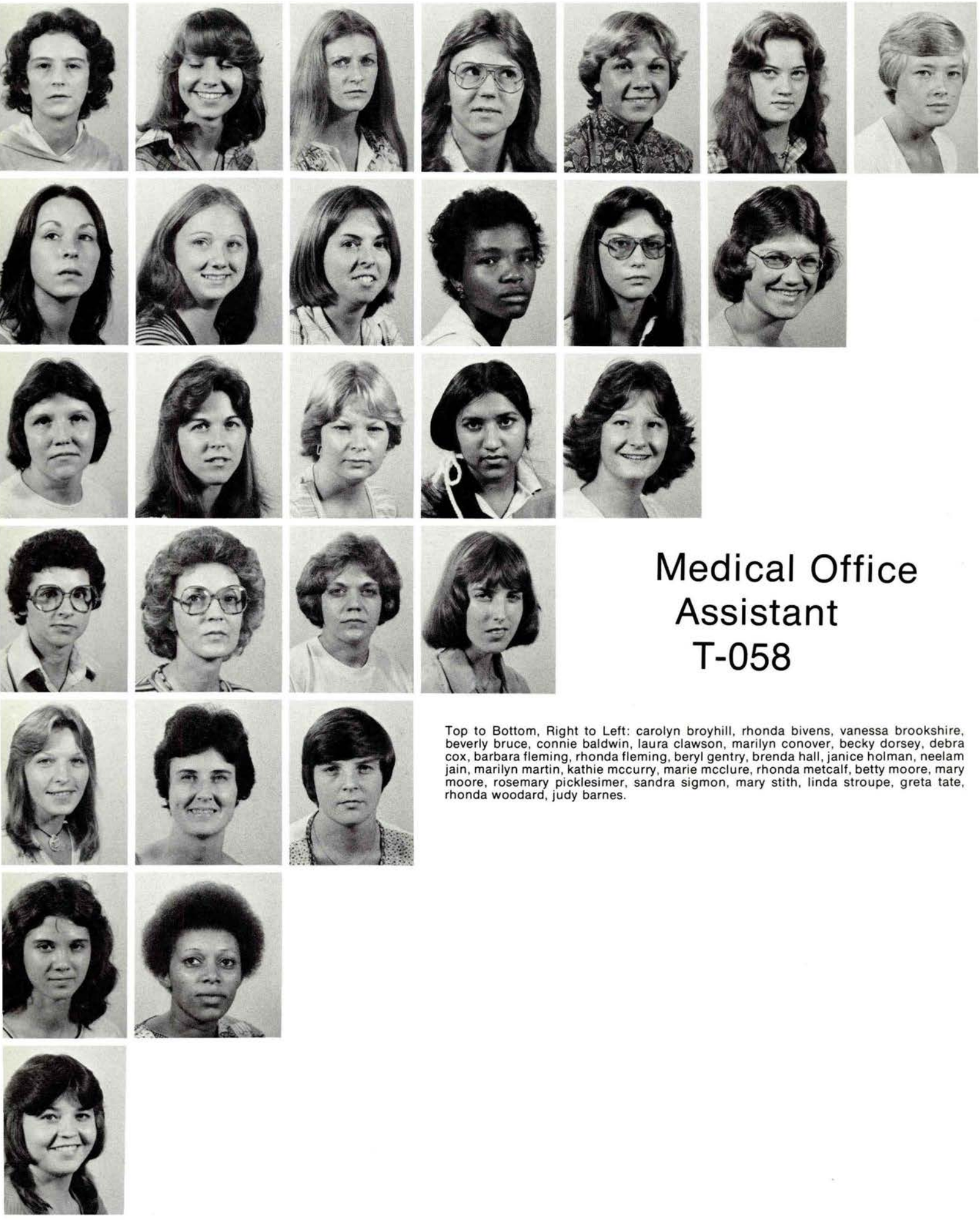

Medical Office Assistant T-058

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Nursing
T-059

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NURSING

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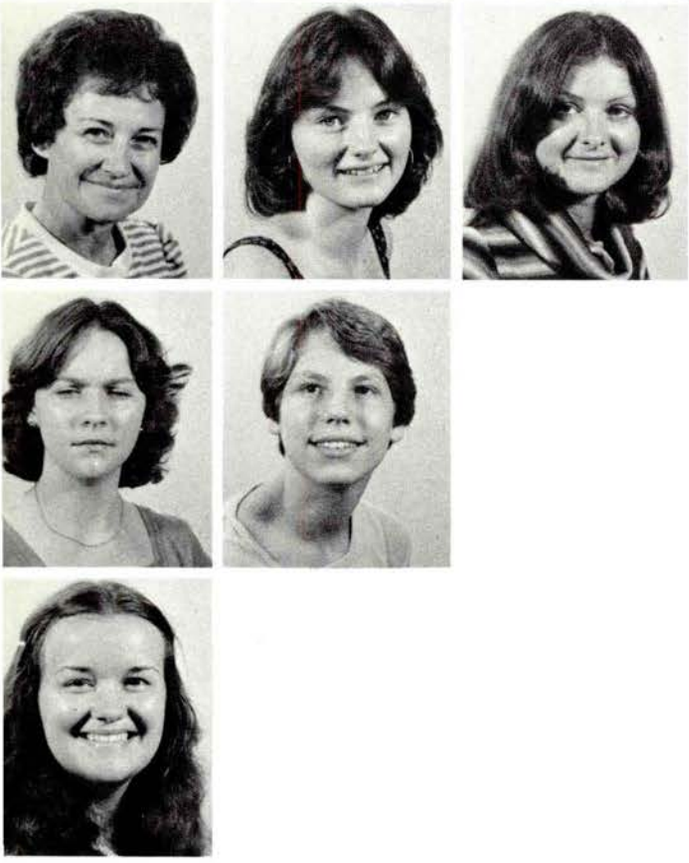

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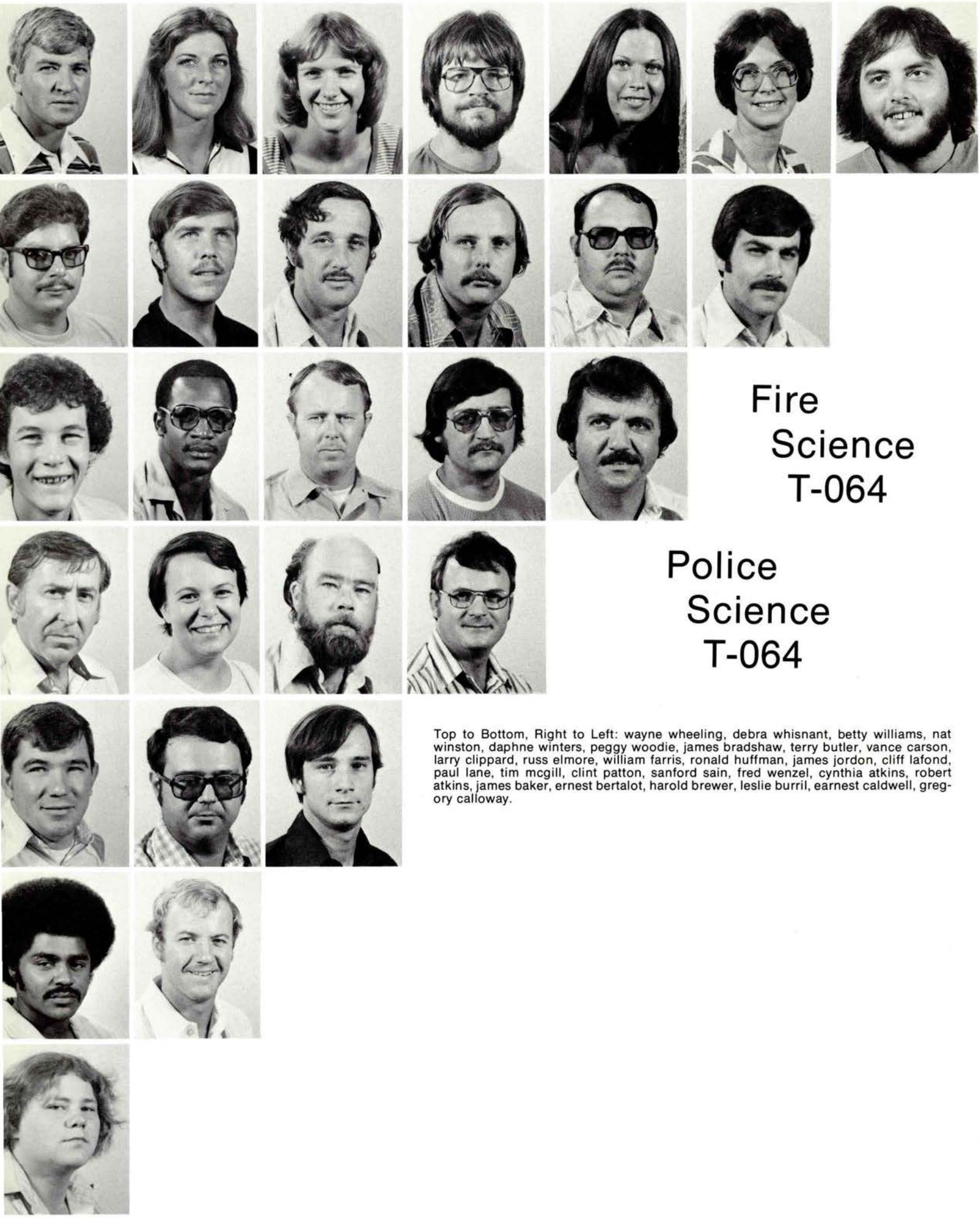

Fire Science T-064

Police Science T-064

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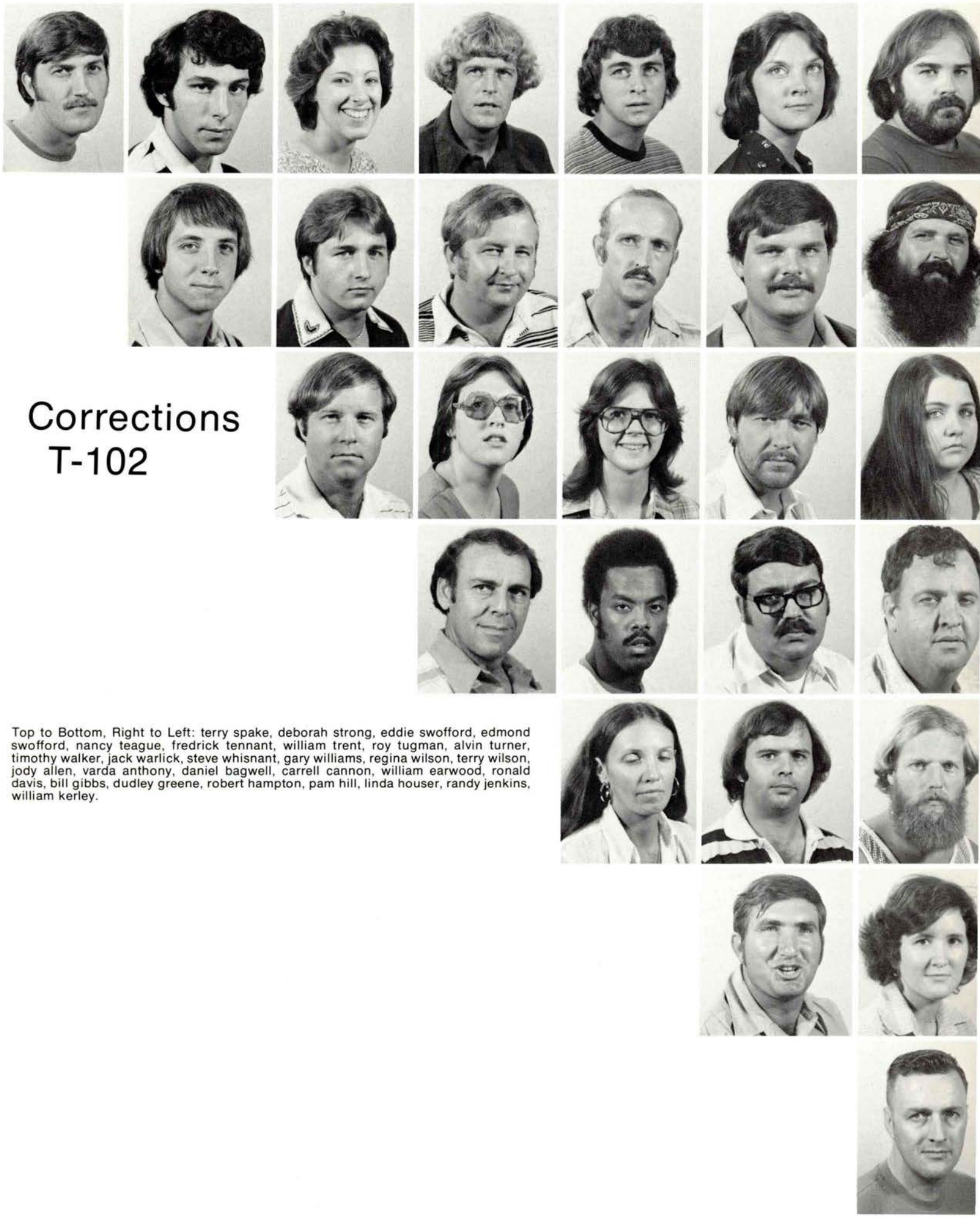

Corrections T-102

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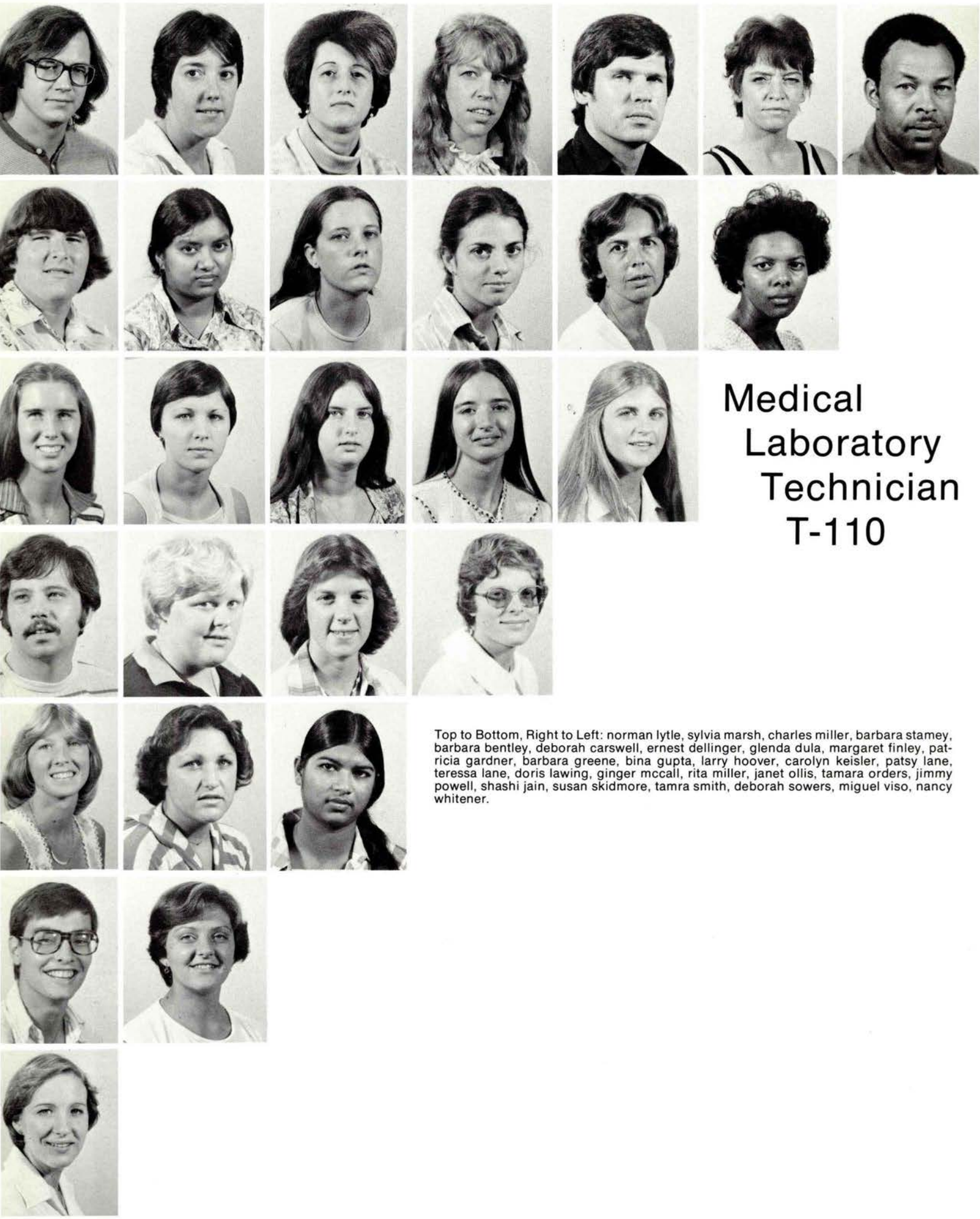

Medical Laboratory Technician T-110

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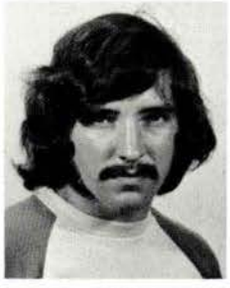
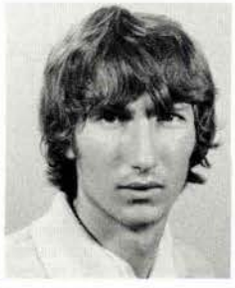

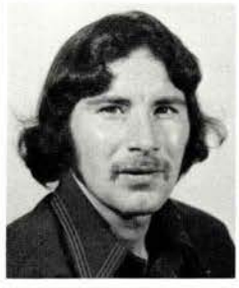

Automechanics
V-003

V-011
Dental Assistant

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Special Students

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SPECIAL STUDENTS

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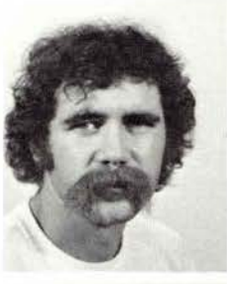

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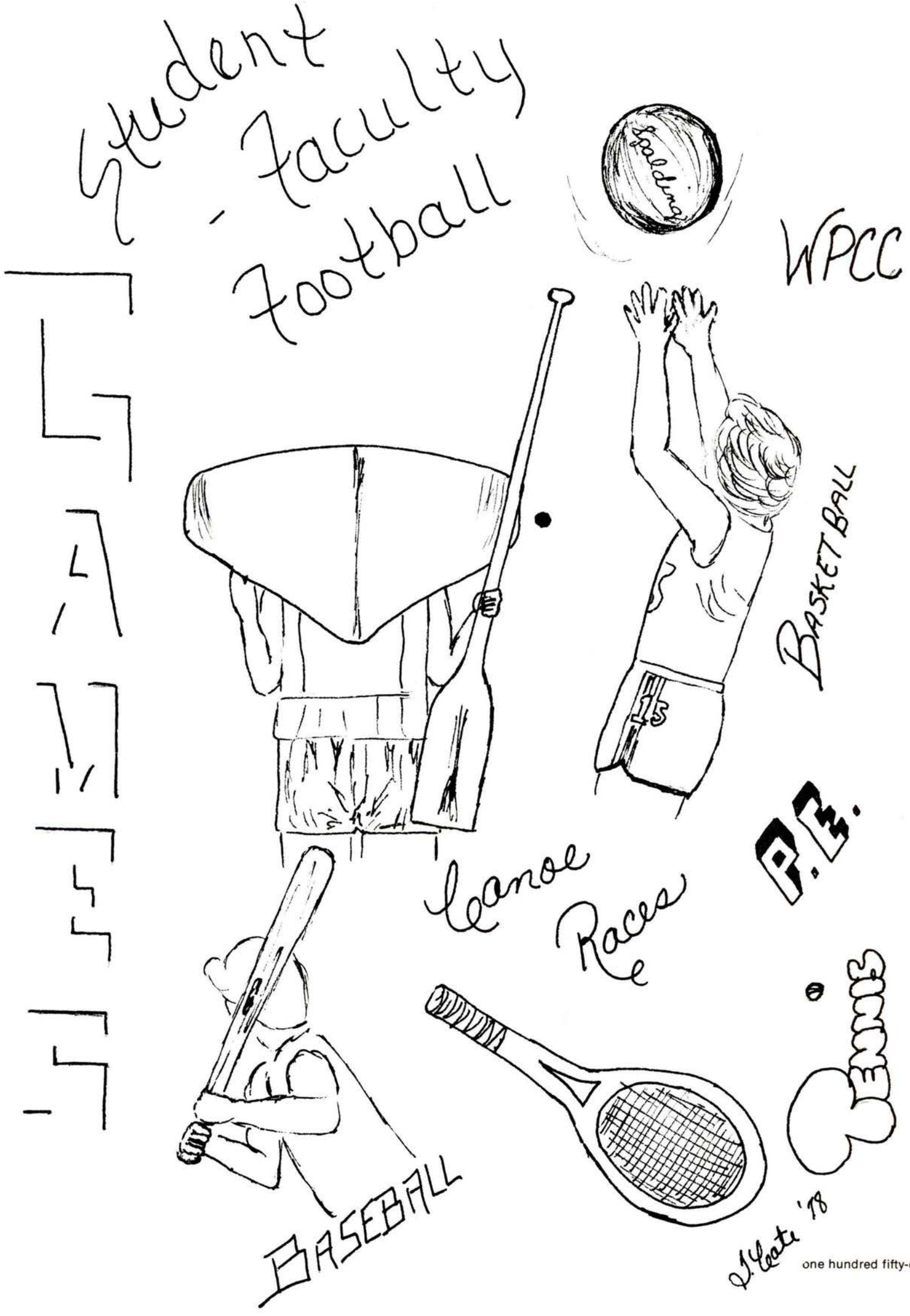
Nobody Is Perfect

Each one of us is a mixture of good qualities and some perhaps not-so good qualities. In considering our fellow man we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults only prove that he is, after all, a human being.

We should refrain from making harsh judgment of a person just because he happens to be a dirty rotten no good son-of-a-bitch.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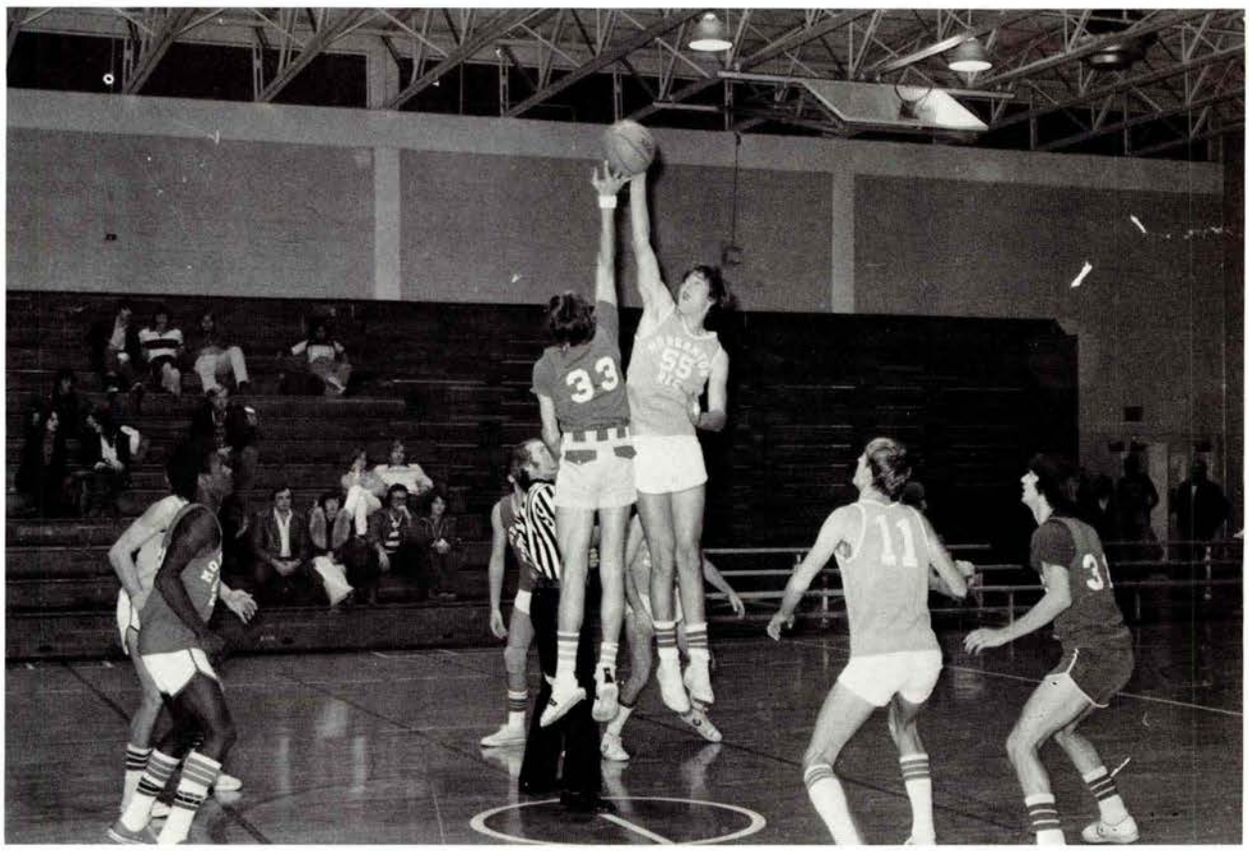
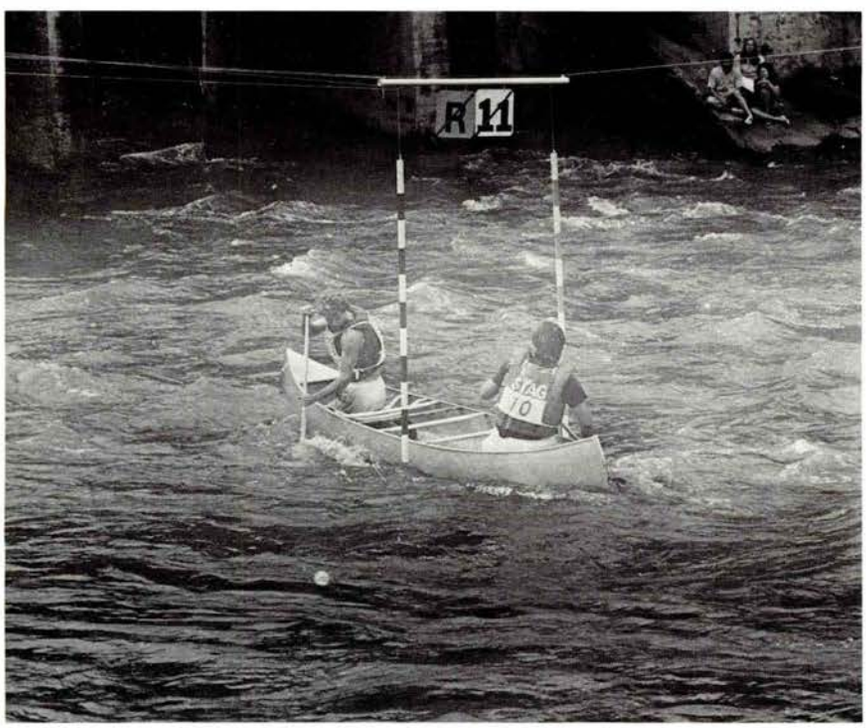
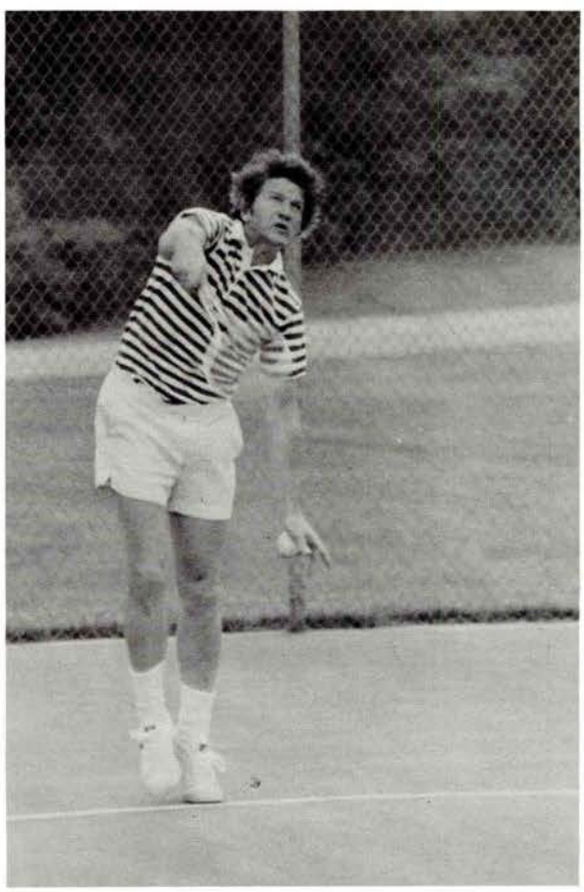
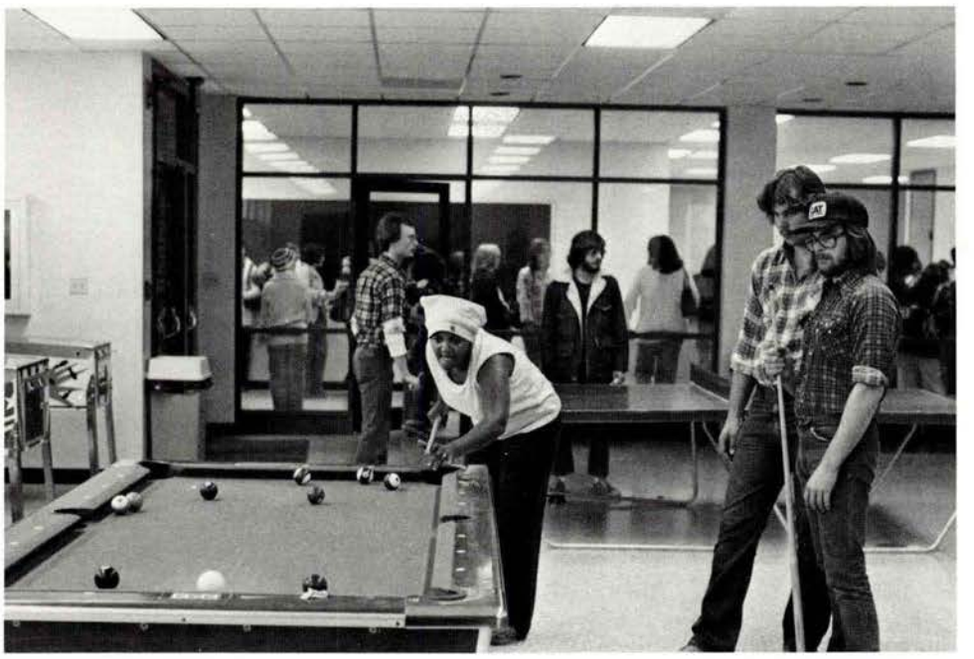
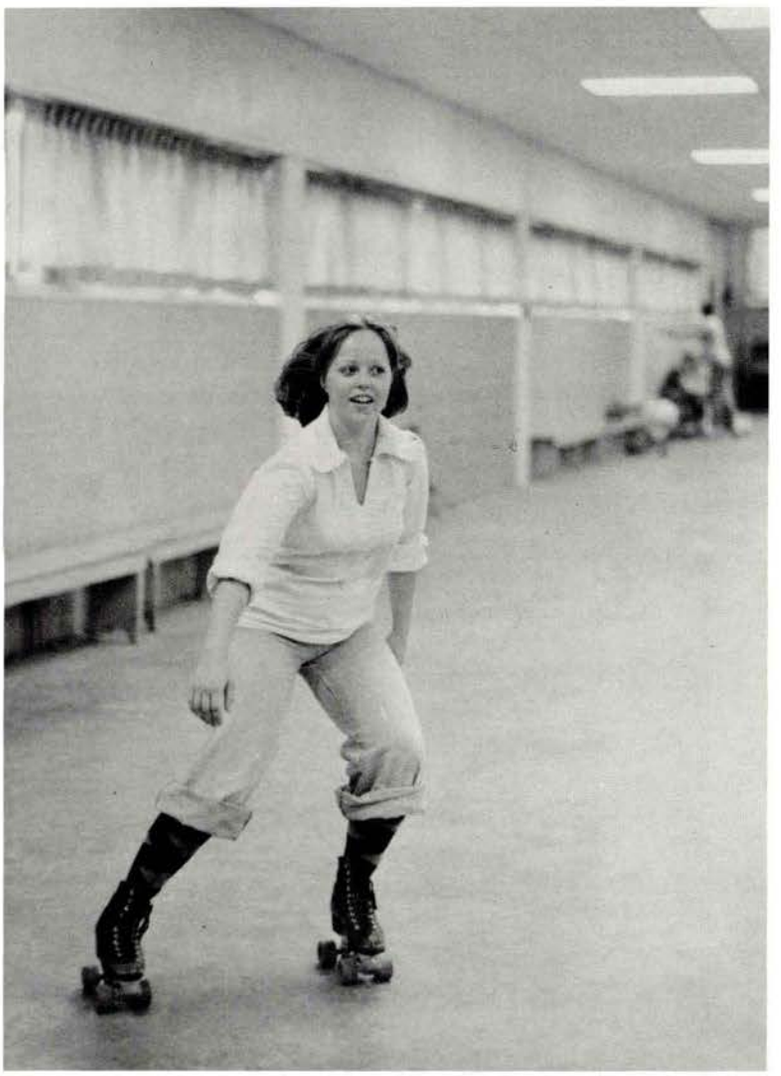


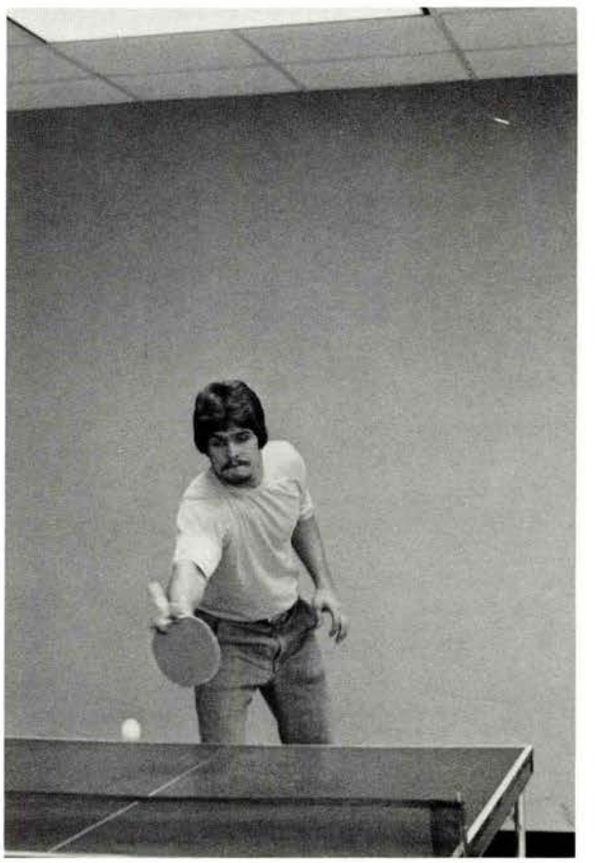
sports at wpcc include intramural basketball competition in the morganton industrial league, intercollegiate canoe races, and tennis tournaments





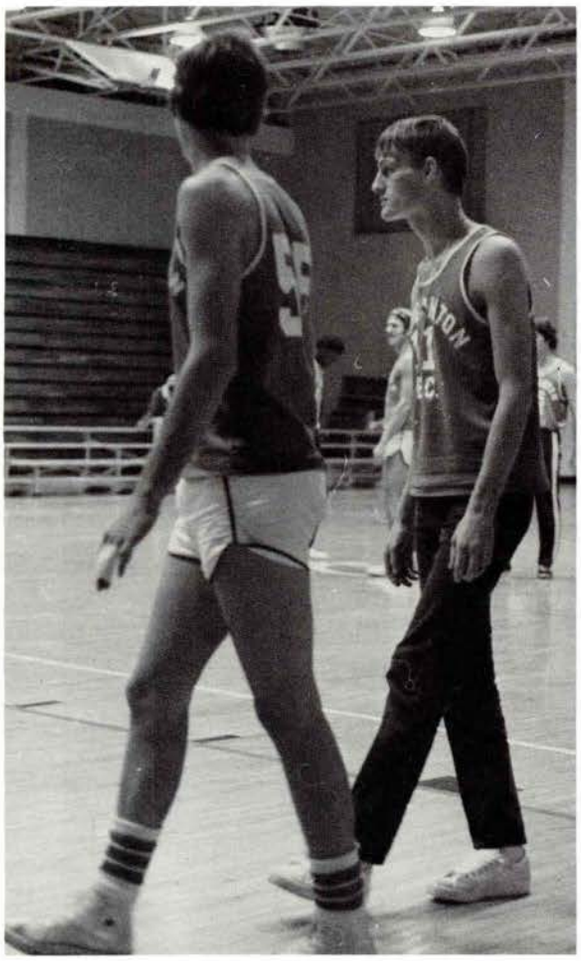






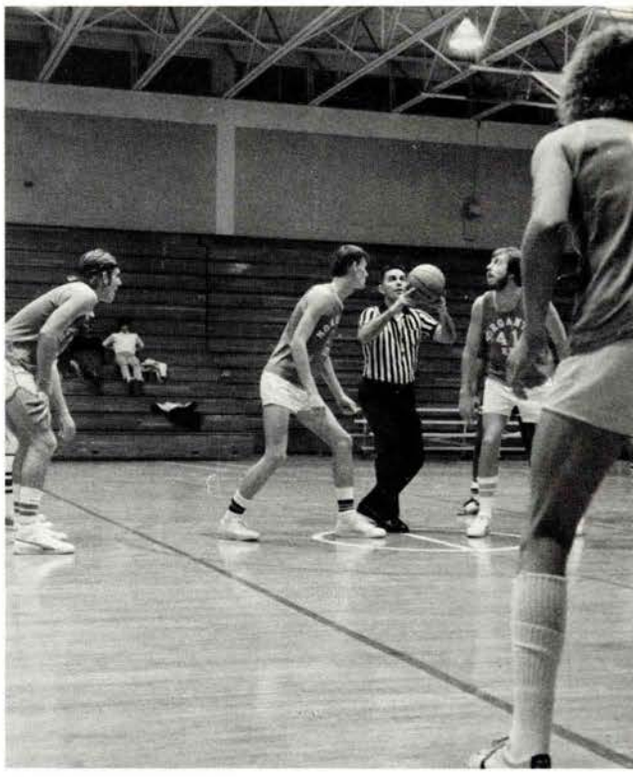
the new student center provides opportunity for such leisure activities as pool, ping pong, skating, and other activities.

WPCC PIONEERS

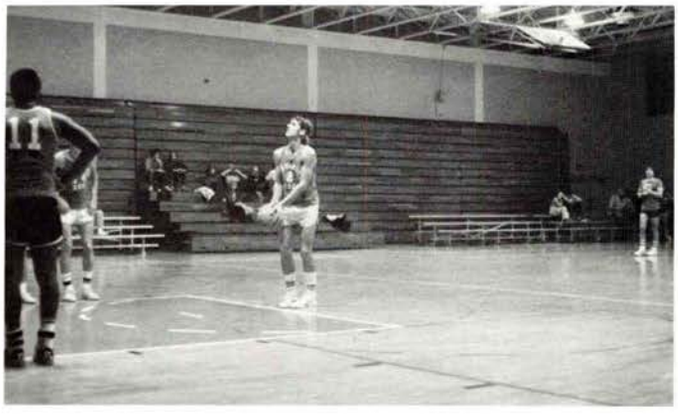


assistant coach stephen young eyes Pioneer stalwarts wakefield and waters in early court action.

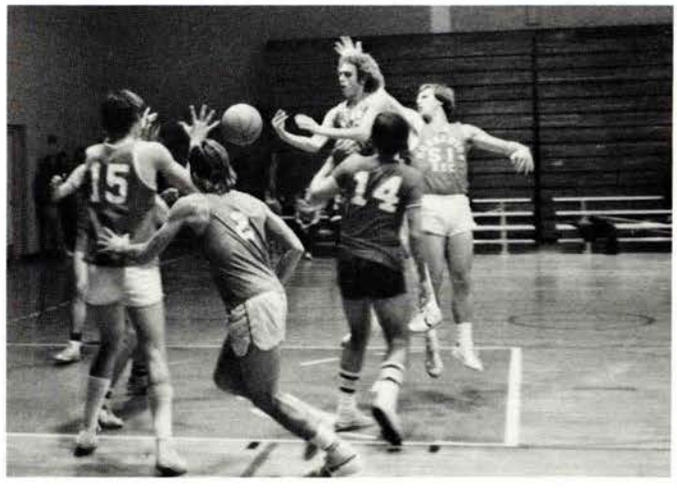
WPCC advances in IL tourney



(left, above) coach bill young discusses his 1-3-1 strategy with terrell bunn, chip waters, and danny cook. (right, above) The strategy worked as Waters got the tip, and Cook and Bunn collaborated for an easy basket

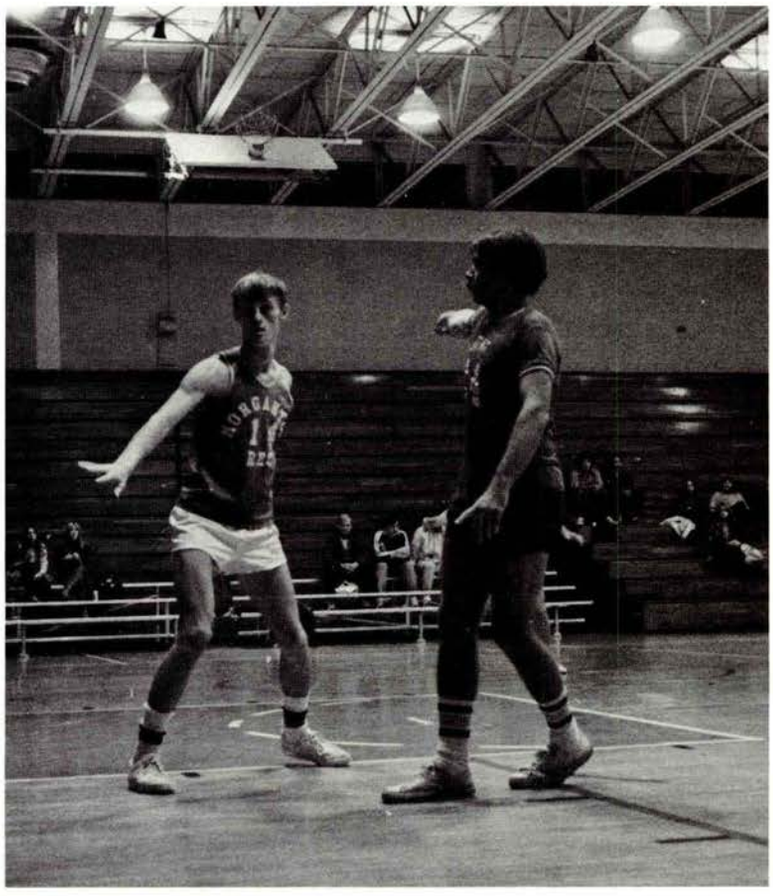


danny cook eyes the basket in a crucial one and one situation against henredon; p.s. he made it.



point guard terrell bunn dishes off to Joey Wakefield in preseason action in the morganton industrial league tournament.

WPCC, Romarco in tourney finals



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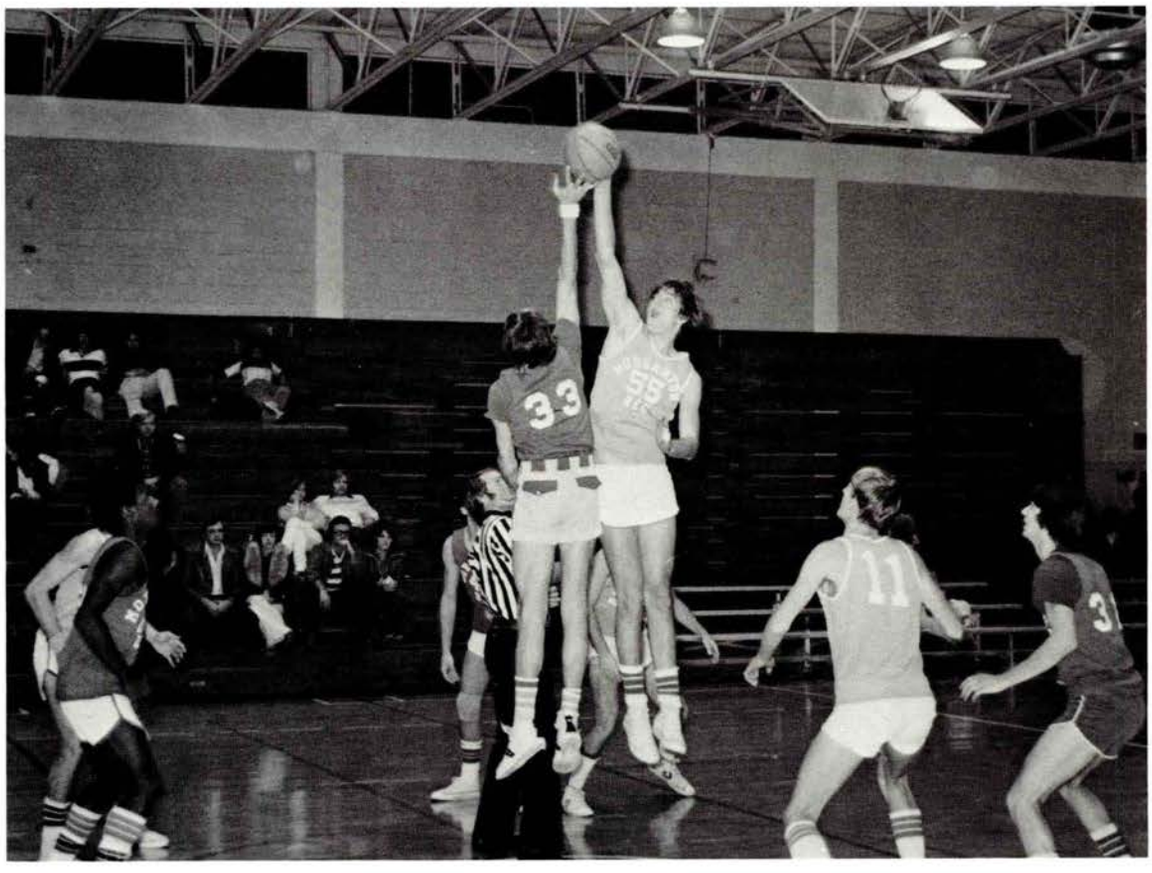
Western Piedmont Community College got 28 points from Chip Waters and strong back-board play and moved into the finals of the Industrial League's pre-season basketball tournament here Monday night.

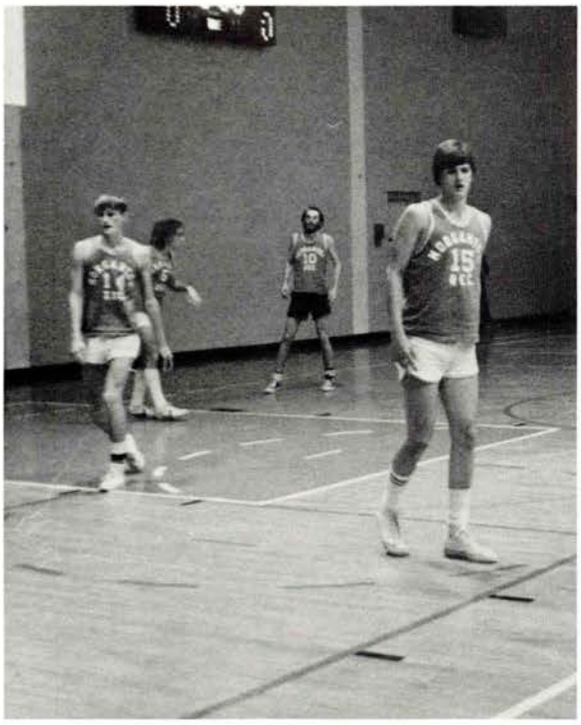
Western Piedmont will play Romarco tonight at 7:30 for the tourney title.

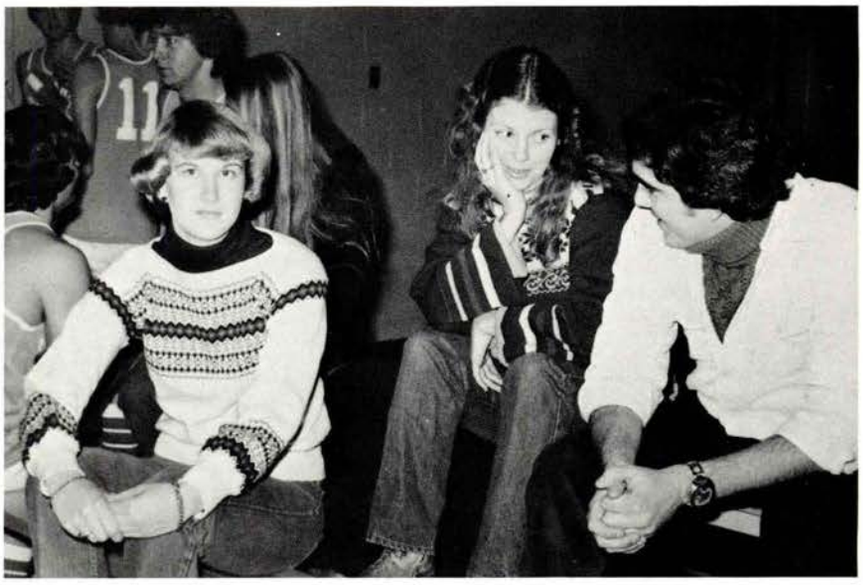
Western Piedmont defeated Jaycees, 64-49, in a semifinal contest and Romarco posted a 70-61 victory over Broughton in the other game Monday.

During one stretch in the second half, the 6-4 Waters scored 15 of Western Piedmont's 17 points.

Joey Wakefield added 12 for the winners.

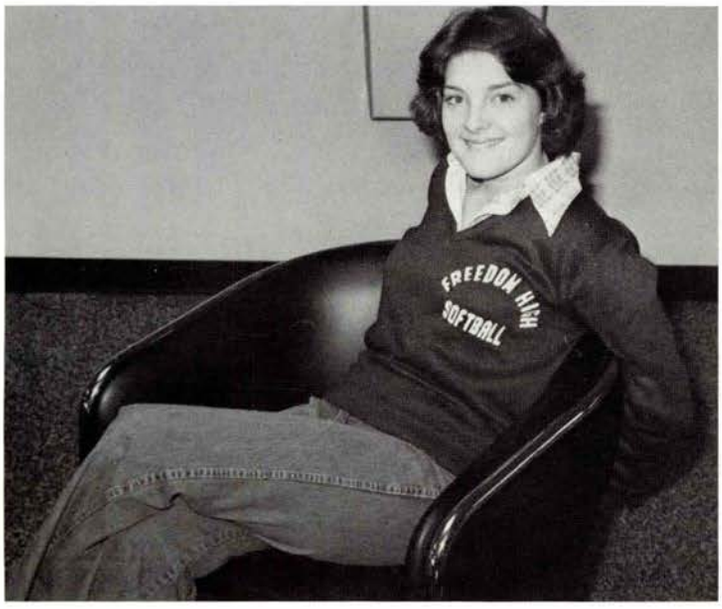






The pioneers captured second place trophy in the pre-season tournament. waters and wakefield led the pioneers to two victories, before falling to romarco in the finals.

WPCC SPORTS SUPER STARS



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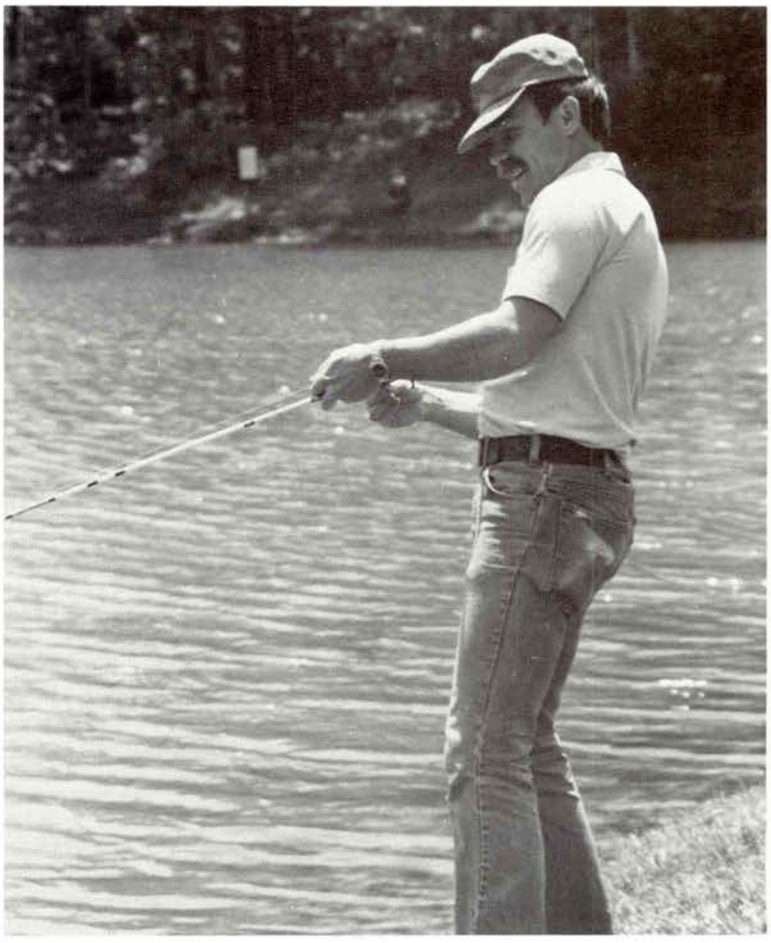

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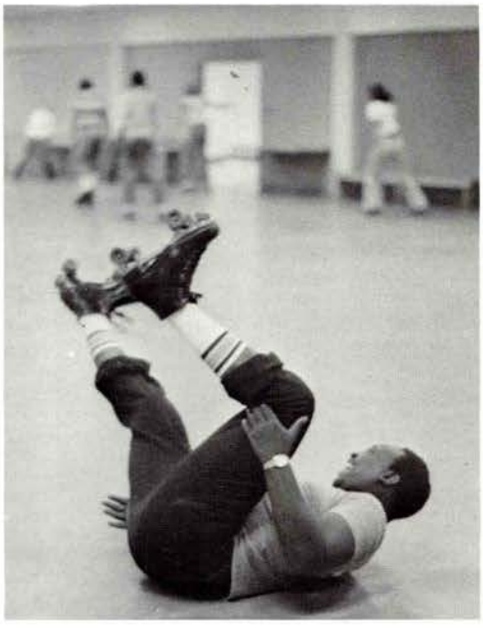

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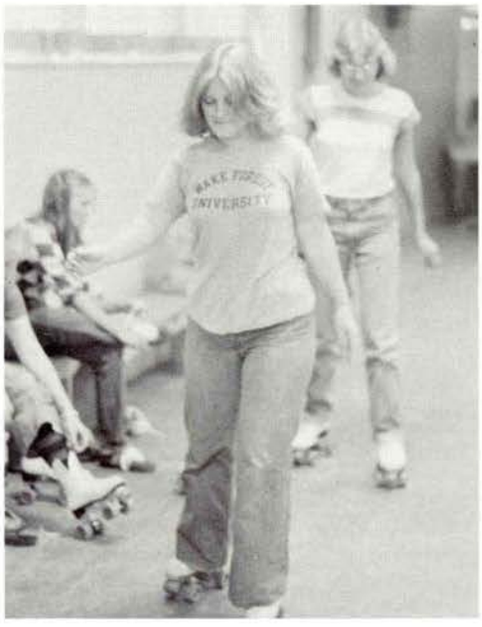

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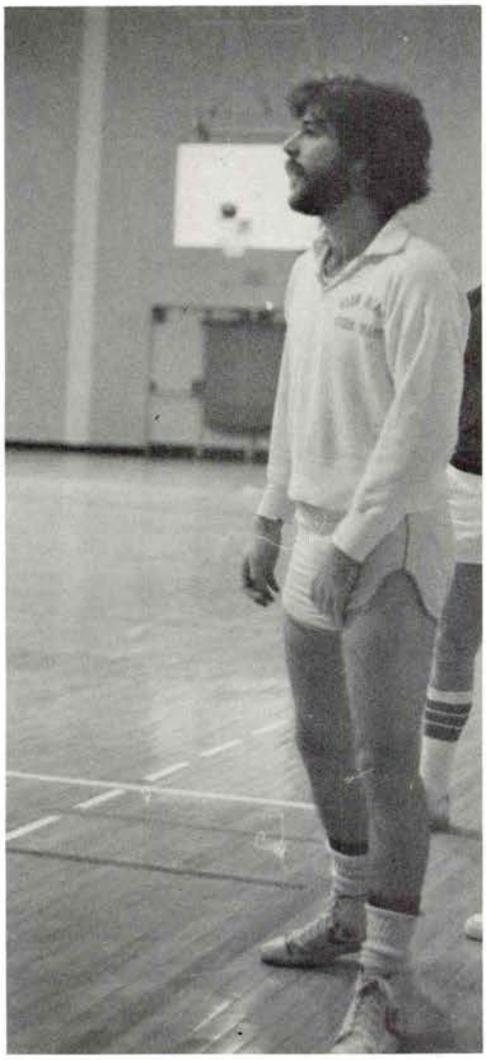

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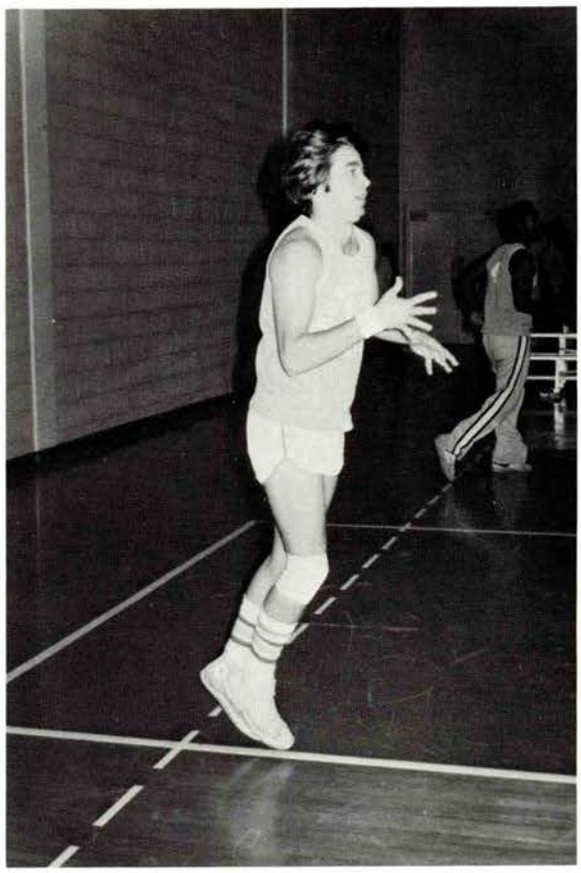

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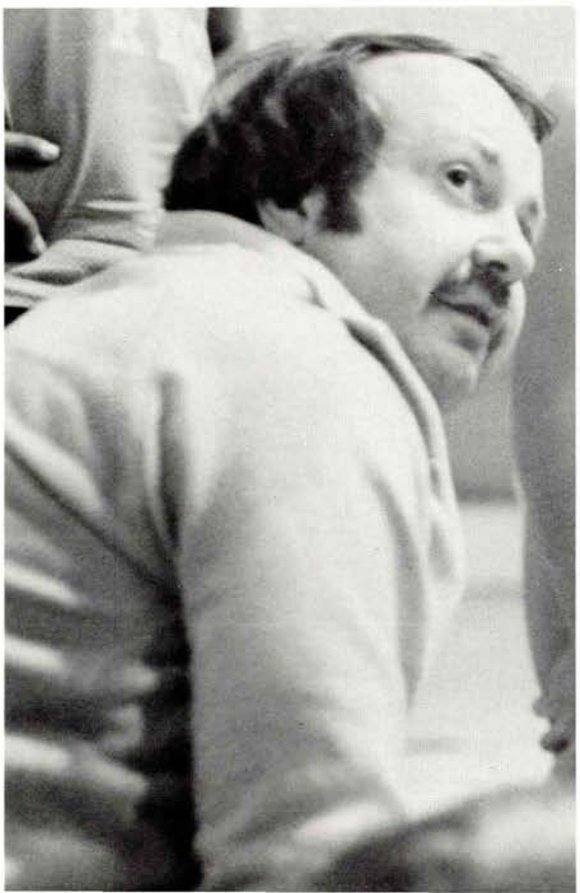

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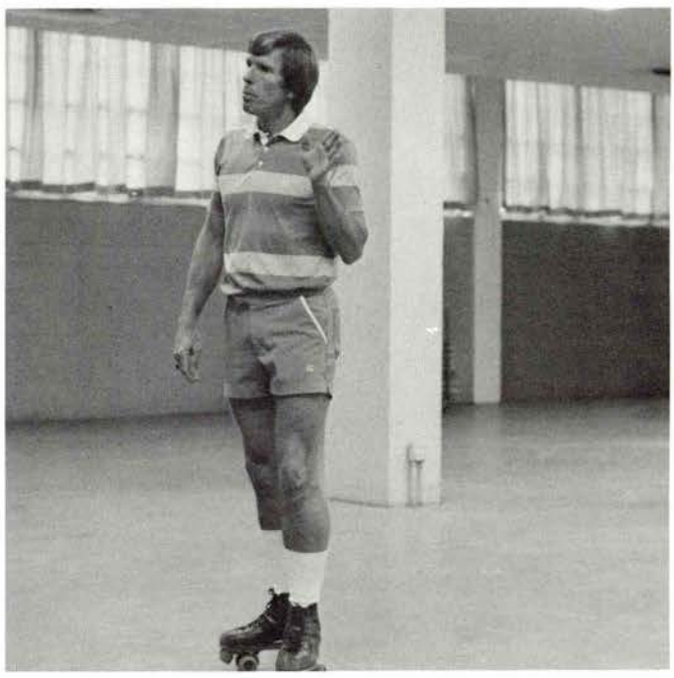

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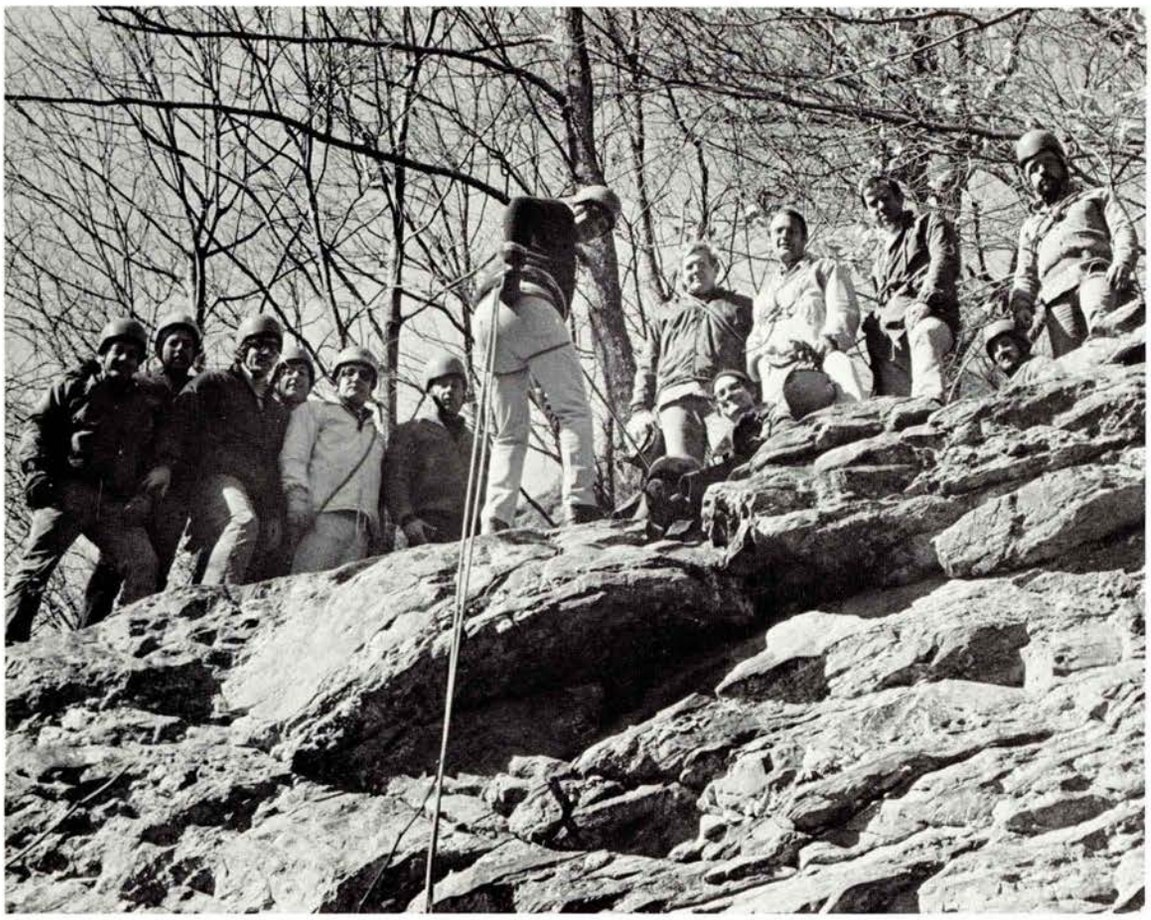
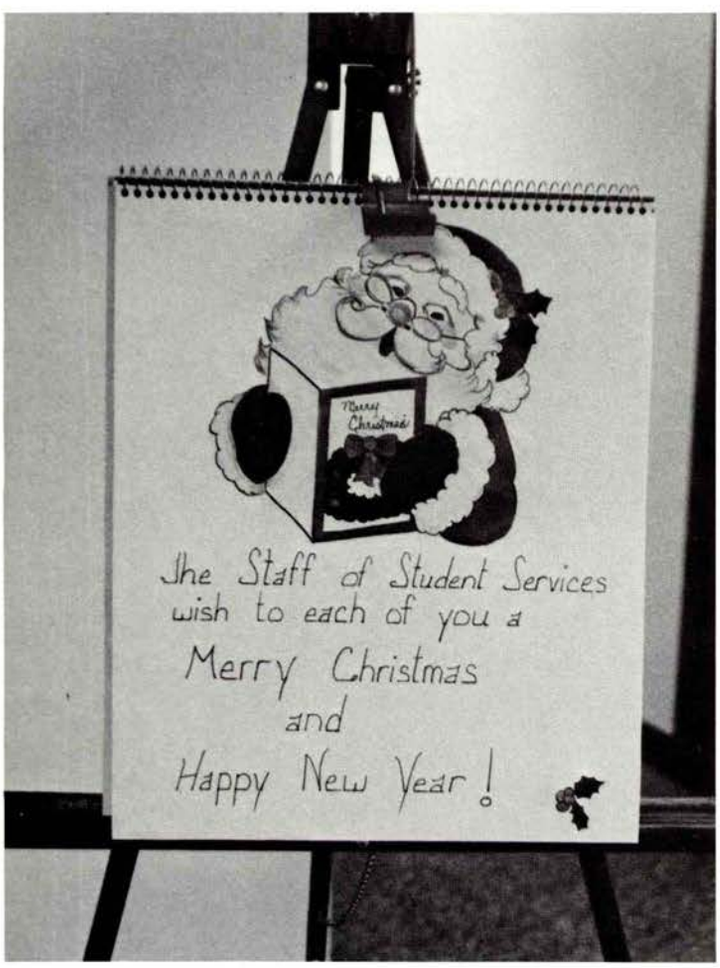


none can say i didn't try to get western piedmont out of the hole!



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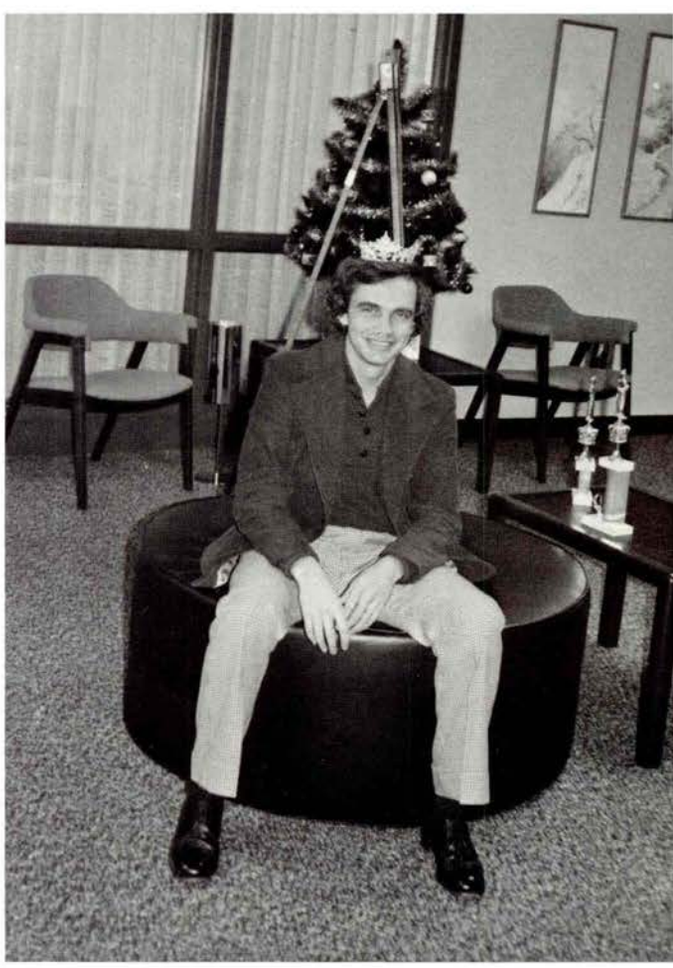

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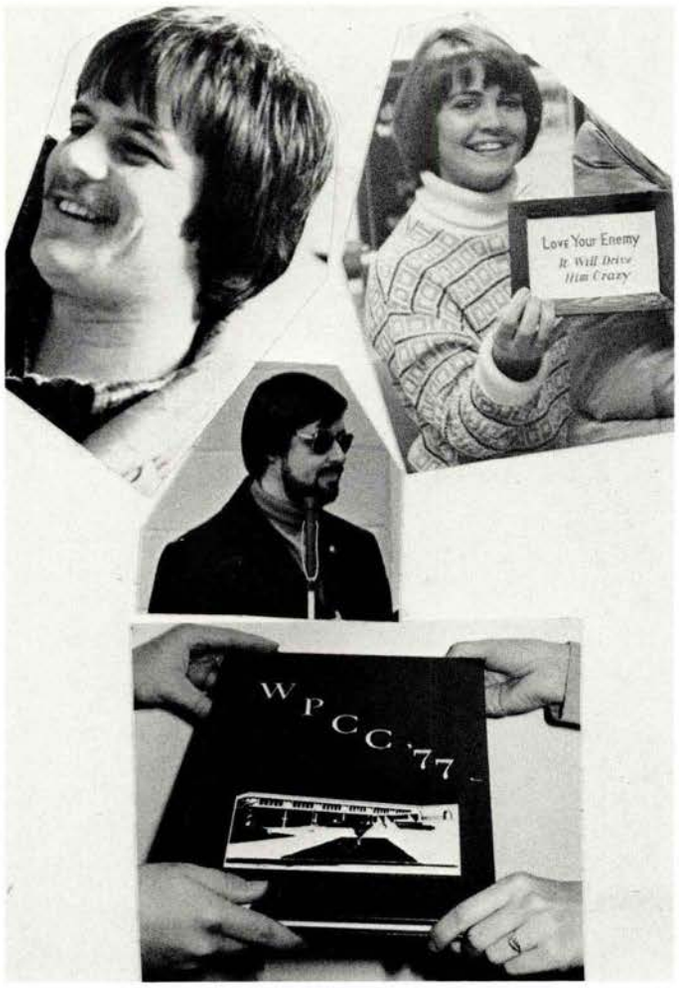
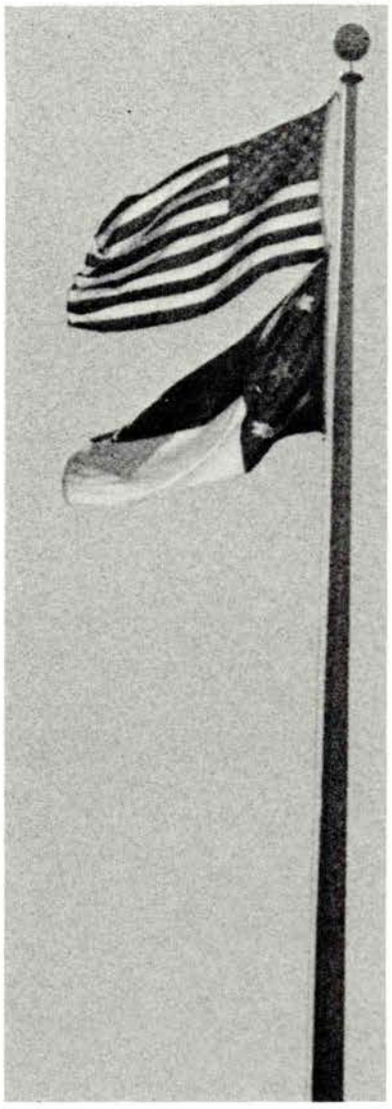


the same flags fly each year over WPCC but . . . . .



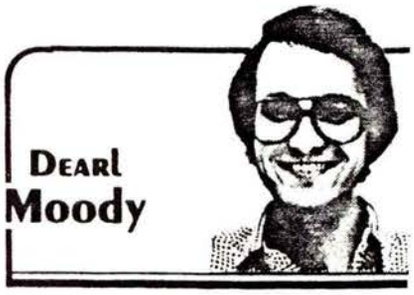
what a difference a year makes! last year our major events were snow, a blind coach appearing on carolina camera, and national politics. but 1978 brought a myriad of events — sheila stevens elected president of SGA started it; the colossal eastern seaboard dance had to be the social highlight; the crowning of eleanor marxen as our first ms. WPCC was a shining moment; dearl moody revived the campus newspaper; our basketball team won a trophy for finishing second; phi theta kappa was organized and led by sally impastato; an advising center was started in student services . . . . . was it only the new building or what caused this rebirth of student life?

WPCC News

'Ms. Piedmont Pageant'

Our column this week was supposed to be devoted to the history of Western Piedmont Community College, but conflicting schedules among various individuals made this almost impossible. Therefore, that will come in a subsequent issue. The people who were instrumental in the forming of WPCC are interesting in themselves, so their recollections of the way it was is bound to be fascinating. A formal history of the college has not been written, so we'll have to depend on memories to inform us. Stay tuned for that.

Jumping ahead a bit to the present, some big things are taking place now at school. The first annual Ms. Western Piedmont Pageant is being organized. It will be presented live in WPCC's auditorium. The contestants will display their bodies and talents in what is hoped will be an event to remember. The judges will have a difficult time in choosing from among the many participants. Mitch Butts, program promoter, and Jaynie Israel, director of the pageant, both emphasized the importance of this event in improving relations among students, and between the school and the community. The date of the pageant and



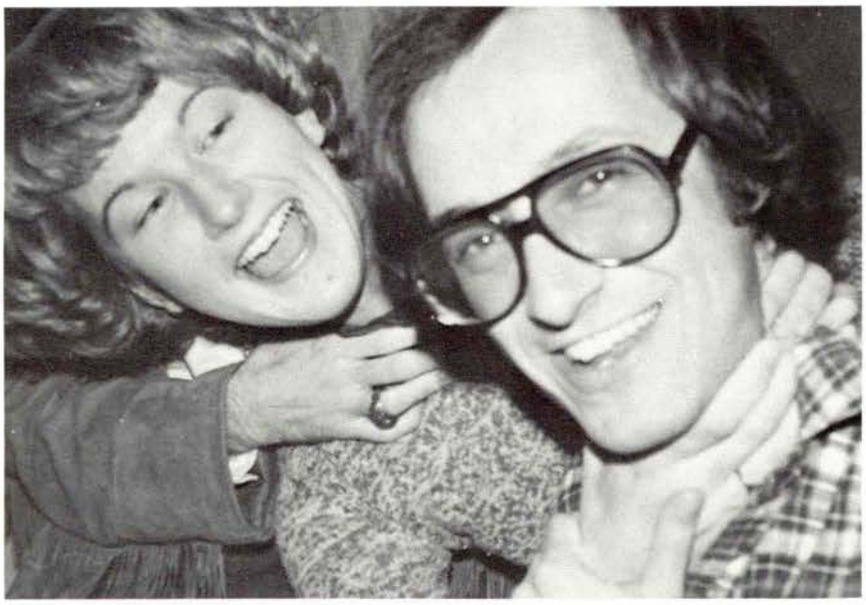
ticket information can be obtained by calling 437-8688, or see Mitch Butts or Jaynie Israel.

The MC for the pageant is Jean Lambert, of Hickory. This isn't the first time, by the way, that Ms. Lambert has appeared at WPCC. She recently captured the hearts of students, faculty, and administration officials, when she sang and played piano in the college's formal lounge. The songs, arranged and performed in a style that is uniquely Jean Lambert, included The Way We Were, The Spy Who Loved Me, and Rhapsody In Blue. She draws upon a repertoire made up of rock, country, gospel, soul, easy listening, and classical. It seems almost endless and her special style makes it all the the more enjoyable.

WPCC's second dance of the year will be held Friday, December 2, at Morganton's Moose Lodge. Music will be provided by a group known as Eastern Seaboard. They have toured with such acts as The Charlie Daniels Band, so they are bound to be terrific. All students are invited and urged to attend.

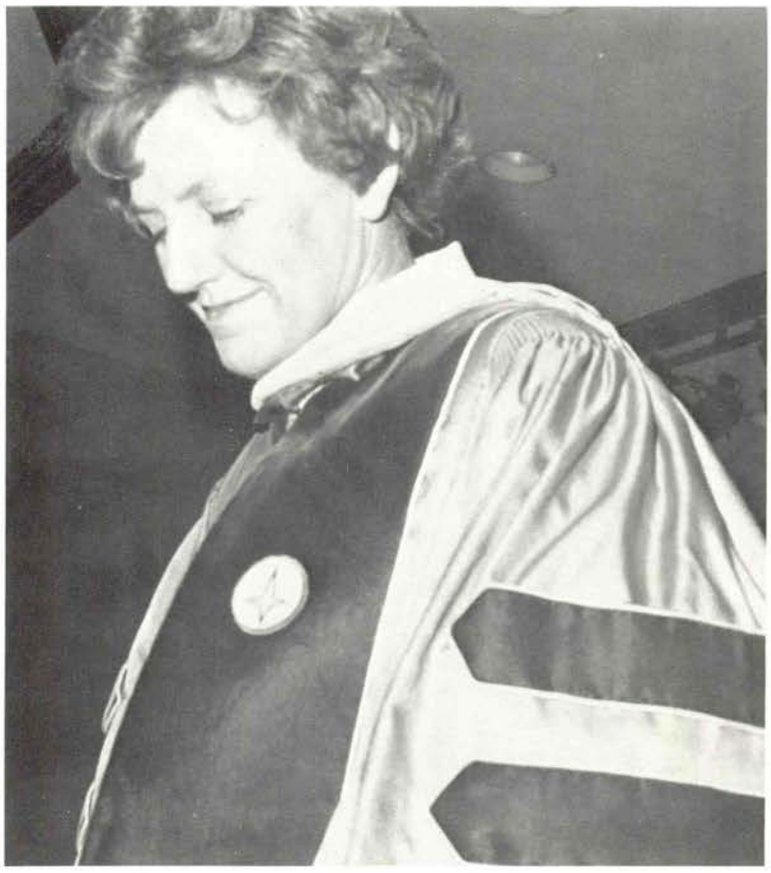
Western Piedmont's annual staff recently underwent some major changes. The editor resigned for reasons that are still unclear, and was replaced by an editorial board of five. The board includes Bob Herwitz, Debbie Sowers, Sheila Stevens, Tim Skidmore, and Chris Garrison. The yearbook, formerly titled The Happening, was recently renamed, but announcement of the change is being withheld until spring.

Due to the problems plaguing the staff, the question of whether or not to publish an annual next year has been raised. Only six community colleges in the state still have a yearbook. A spokesman for the staff, however, were quick to emphasize that spirit and morale among members were higher than ever before. The crew recently completed a 75-page deadline in a week, a feat advisor Richard Morgan termed incredible.



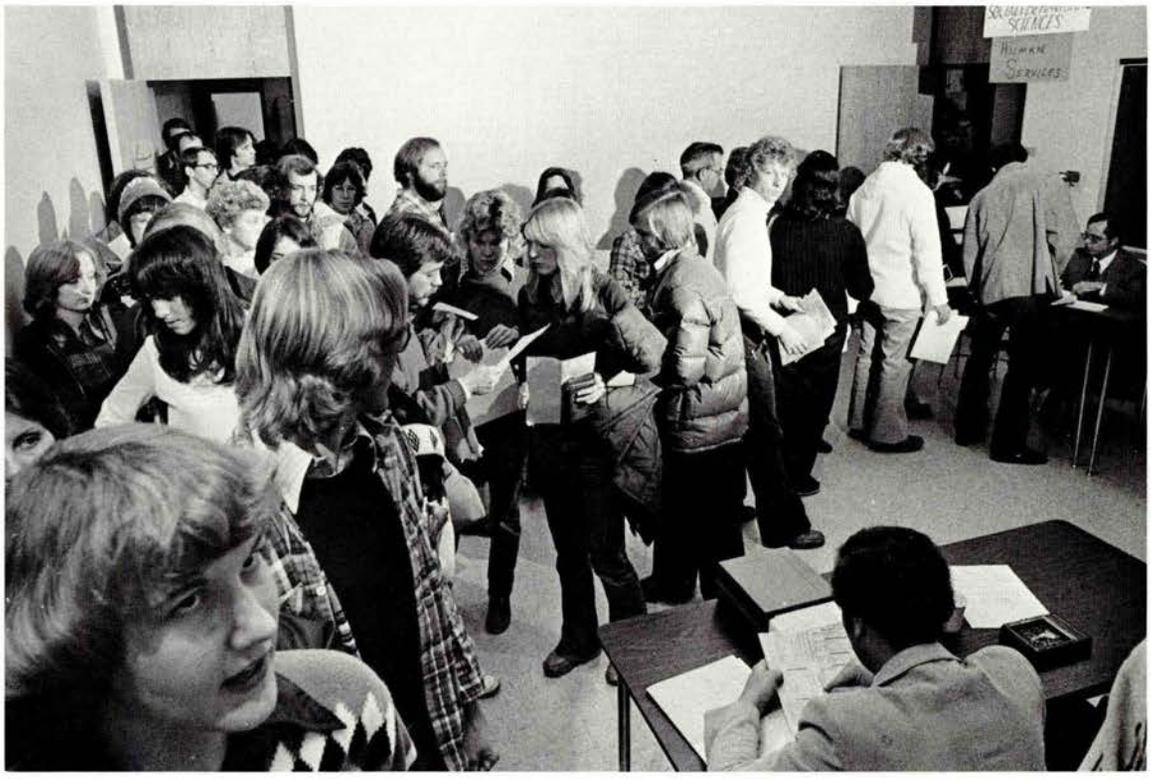
"janie, are these girls really serious about trying out for the WPCC Pageant?"

"this institution, "said thomas jefferson of the university of virginia, his creation, "will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind. for here we are not afraid to follow the truth wherever it may lead, not to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it,"

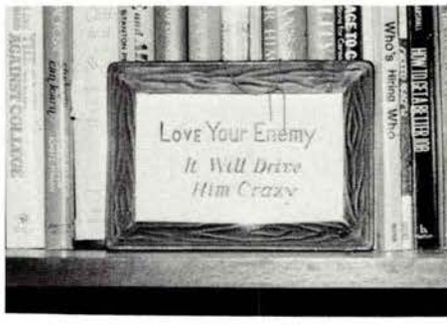


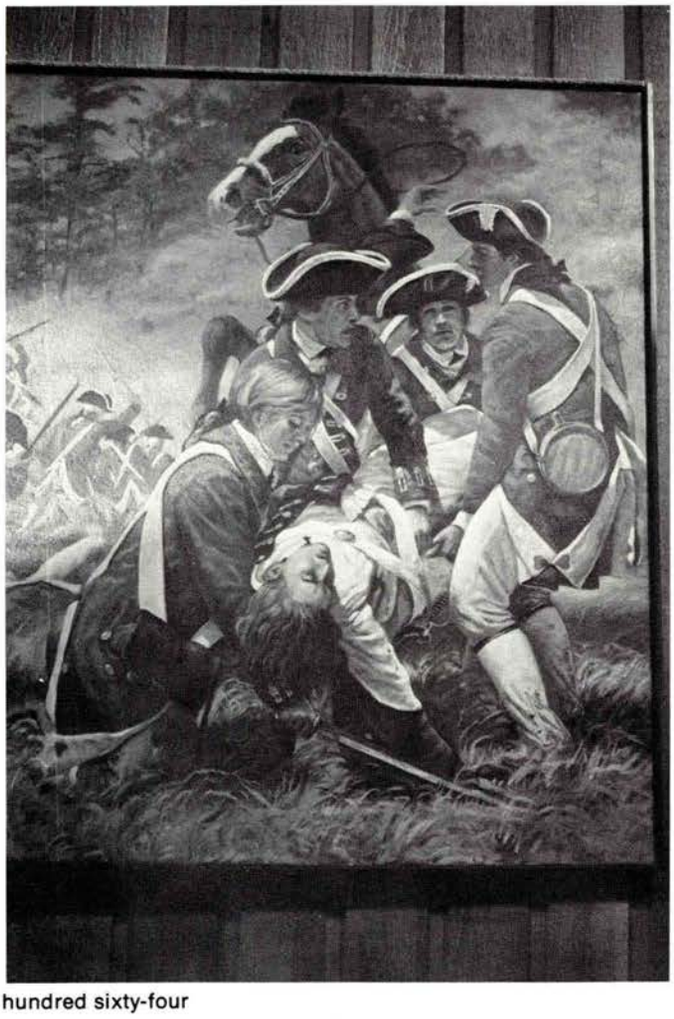
"wer ueber gewisse dingle den verstand nicht verliert der hat keinen zu verlieren"
/ he who does not lose his mind over certain things, has no mind to lose /

Something New at WPCC



a perennial problem for WPCC students is good advisement. registration is always a difficult time, almost like surviving a battle. it is hard to discover career goals or personal academic plans in the swirling water of confusion.





A New Advising Center

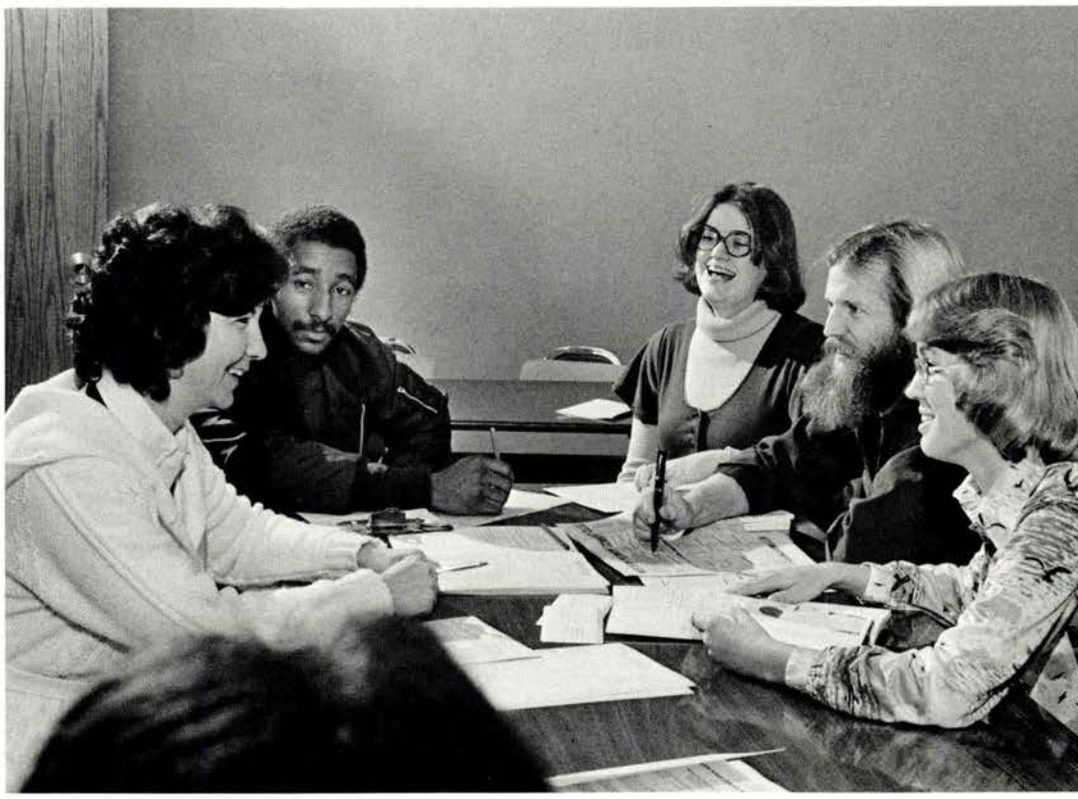
Advising Center opens at WPCC

Expanding counseling services are now available to Western Piedmont Community College students with the opening of a new Advising Center.

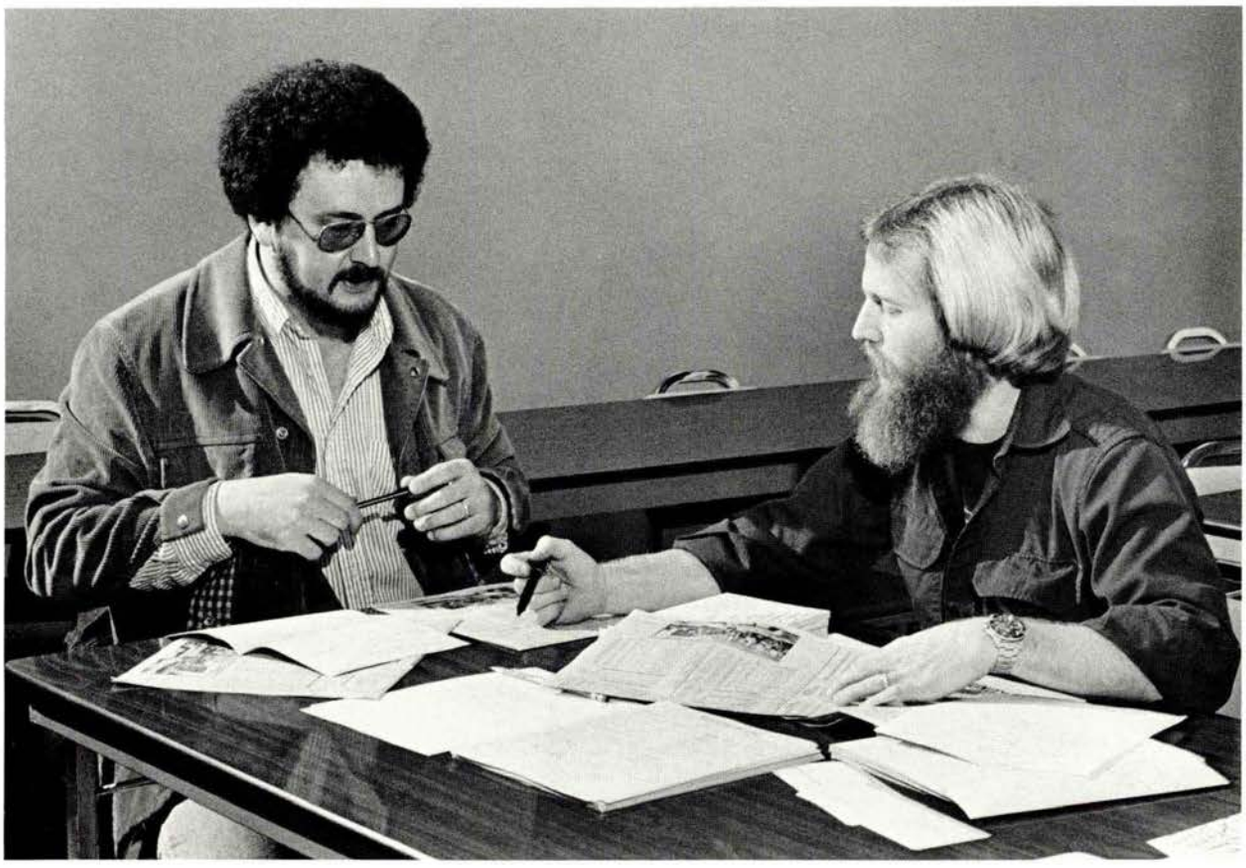
The center will be staffed by counselors, interns, faculty, and student counselors from Phi Theta Kappa, the college honor society. Dr. Nancy Moore, dean of student services, cited the decision of Phi Theta Kappa to staff the center "as the precipitating factor that got the Advising Center off the drawing board onto the launch pad."

Student-to-student counseling will be offered at the center as well as help from professional counselors in assisting students to decide on career goals and college majors. According to counselor Richard Morgan, students receive advice, information, and direction better from their peers than from authority figures.

Academic advising, study skills evaluation, career planning and referrals are among the services offered by the center.



student services looked to phi theta kappa for help and an advising center was established where students received help from other students. (left to right: students jane taylor, mike logan, and cathi edwards get advisement from phi theta kappa students dudley greene and kathy miller.



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Pioneer Living To Be In Focus

College Degree Meant Sacrifice

piedmont students experienced a lot of change in the early part of 1977. On the national scene, the resignation of lance, the strange visit of sadat to israel, the continuing energy crisis, and the emergence of new movements in society were only a few of the events that affected their lives. death took zero mostel, maria callas, joan crawford, groucho marx, guy lombardo, sebastian cabot, bing crosby, and the "king" elvis presley. amid this changing world of death and crises, piedmont students went to work, studied, played, and tried to make some sense out of the tangled world.

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Sadat: Israel Has

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF ROBOTS

of heart attack

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'No more war leaders pledge to Exist

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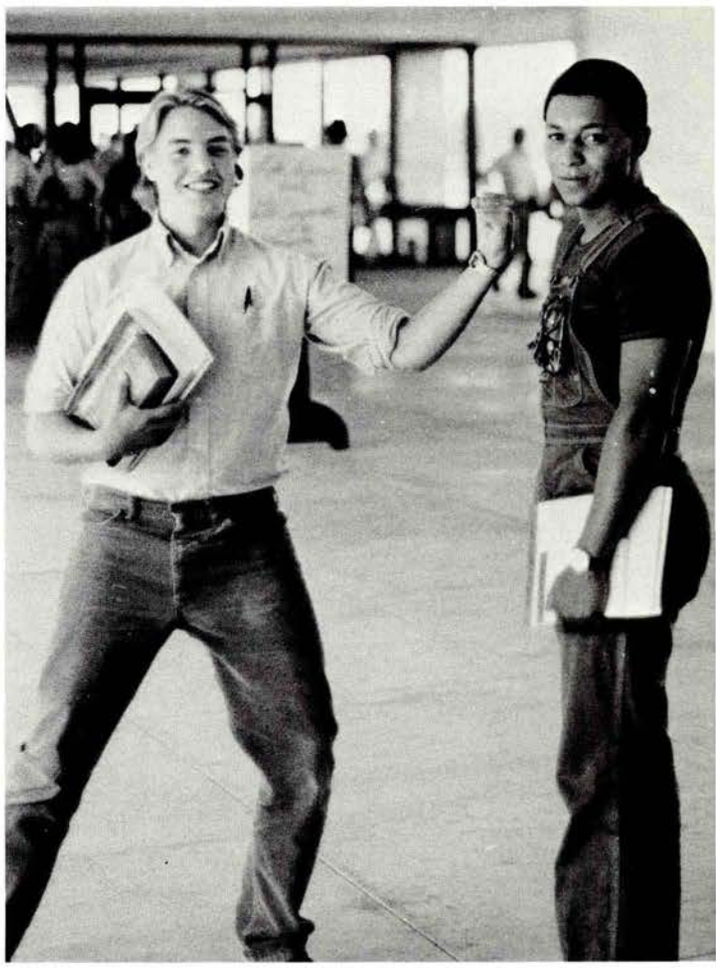
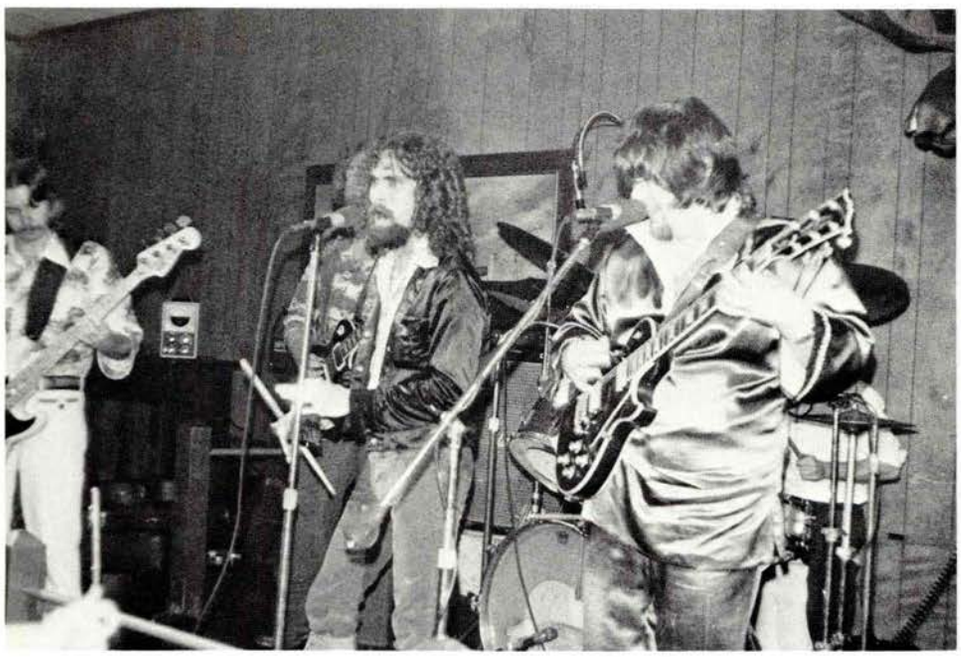
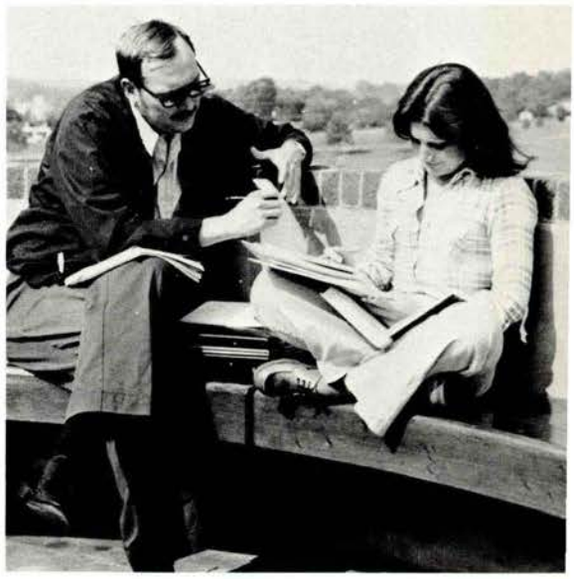
"it seems to be a crime that we should age. these fragile times should never skip us by. a time we never can or will erase. as friends together watch their childhood fly."
— elton john —

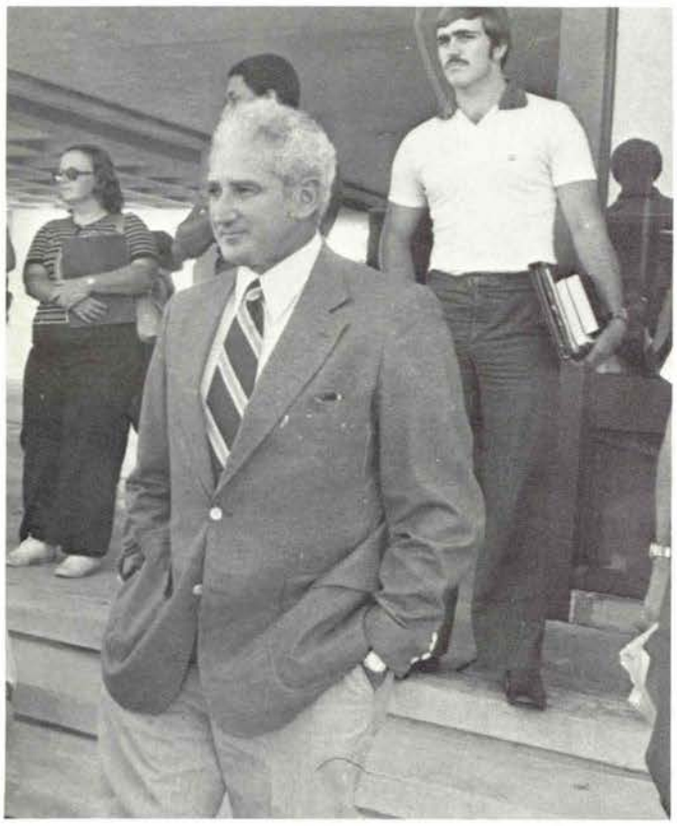




one of the biggest moments in student life at piedmont in 1978 was the appearance of eastern seaboard band. sheila stevens fulfilled her campaign promise: we had a real dance.

"the college has a proven record of excellent service to the citizens of western north carolina, a proud one which forms a substantial foundation for enhancing the future educational and cultural life of the community. the momentum of the past decade has set the pace for the challenging years that lie ahead."
gordon c. blank, president





"right over there will be our new gymnasium"

"To begin with, every page is blank, until a word, a smudge, a paragraph is set down upon it. Some pages still stay blank after the most intricate, indelible story has been started . . .
I do not know how death will come to me, though once i thought i did . . . I am very sure that any pain that might accompany my going could not be as bad or worse than some i've known within my life.
i am resolved that, if i can, i will view the end as the writer does the blank page just in front of him, a beginning.
TO BEGIN WITH . . . , an introduction to DEATH
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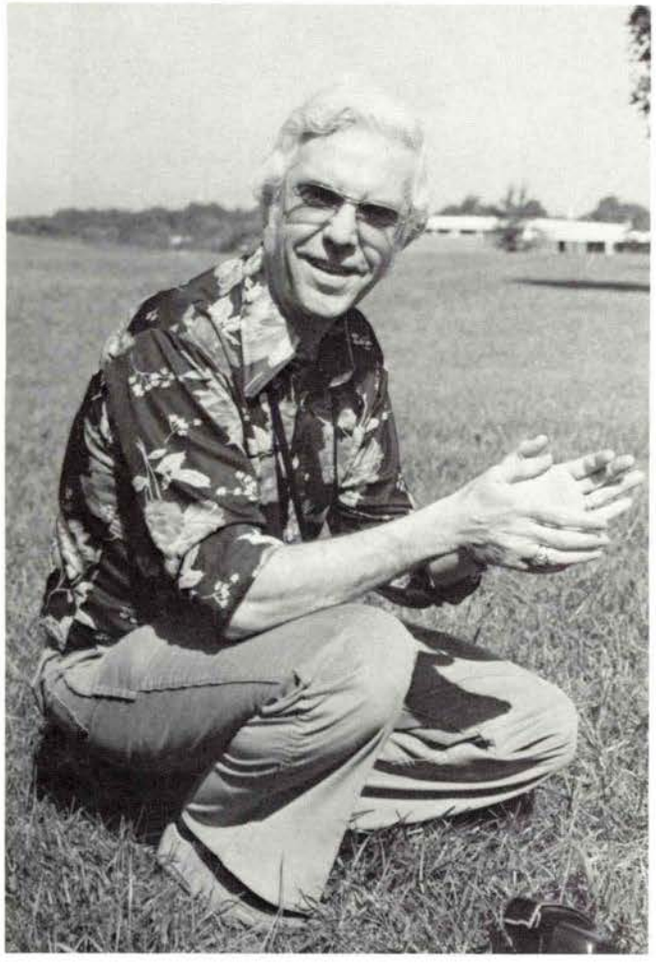
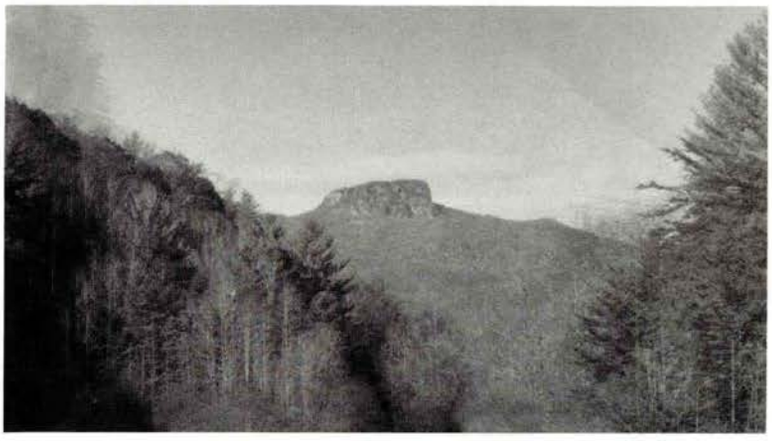
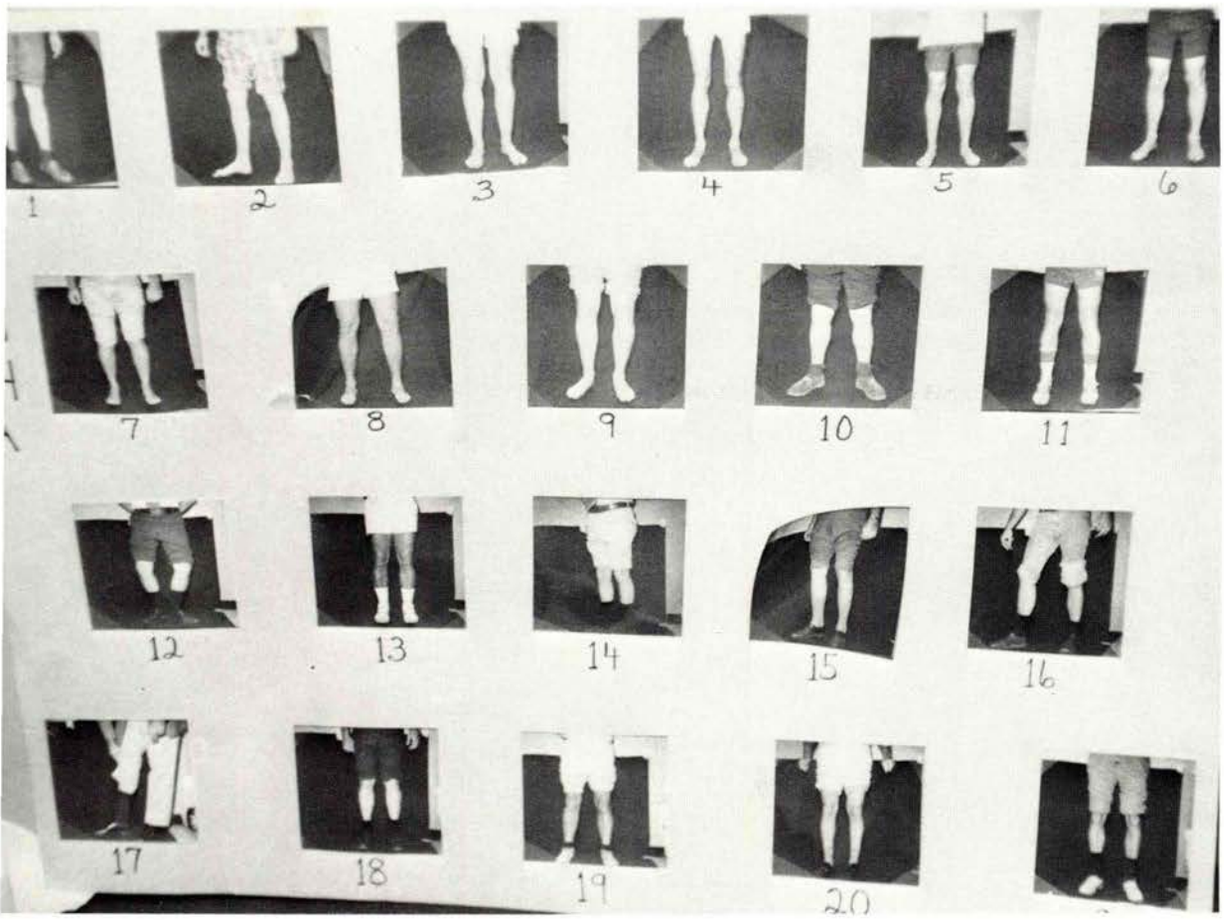




"nancy, if i have to be adviser to the annual next year i'm going to climb table rock mountain and stay there all year."

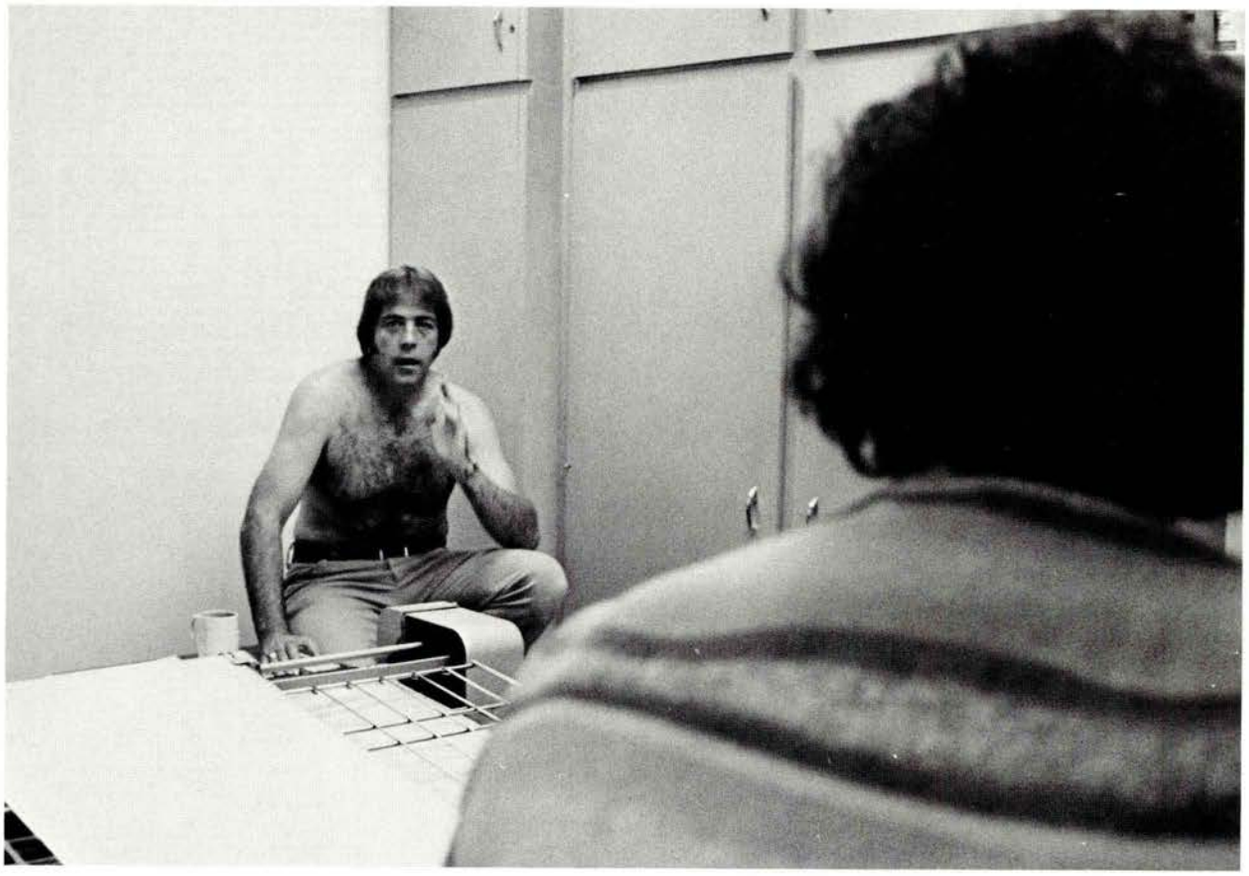


faculty legs contest
"the winners are:
1st place: #13 chuck
"crazy legs" galyon
2nd place #jim "jumbo"
burnett
3rd place: #3 earl "the
pearl" duncan

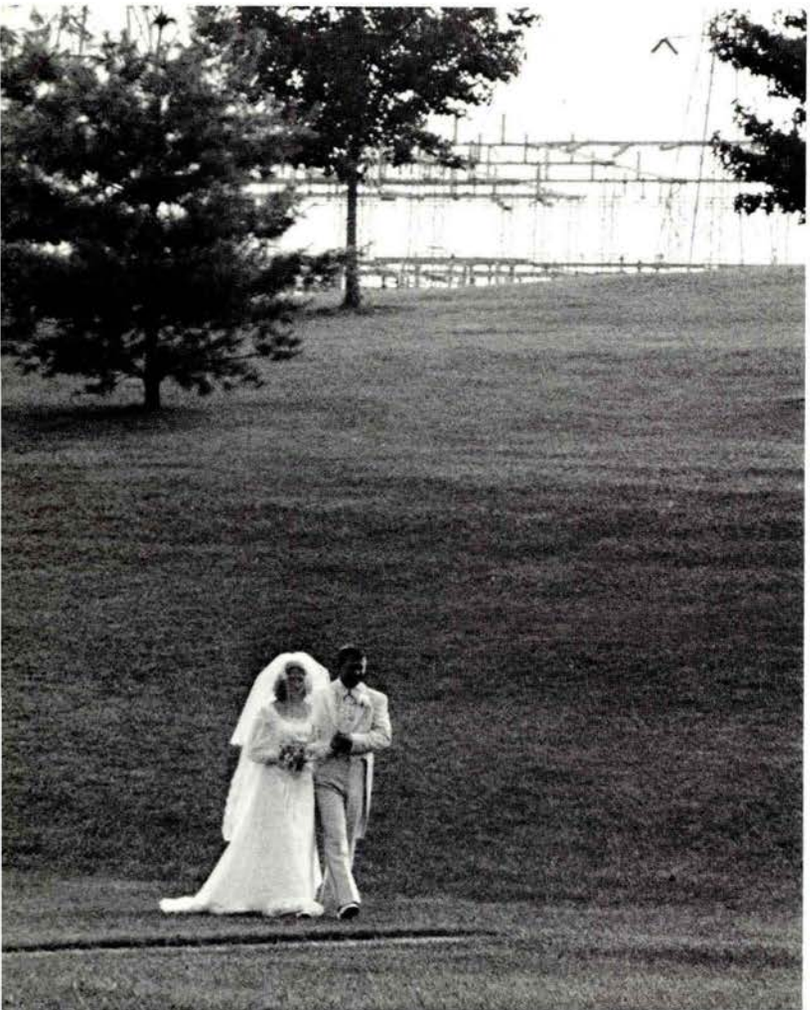
"let's see my dear, what did you say your telephone number was??"

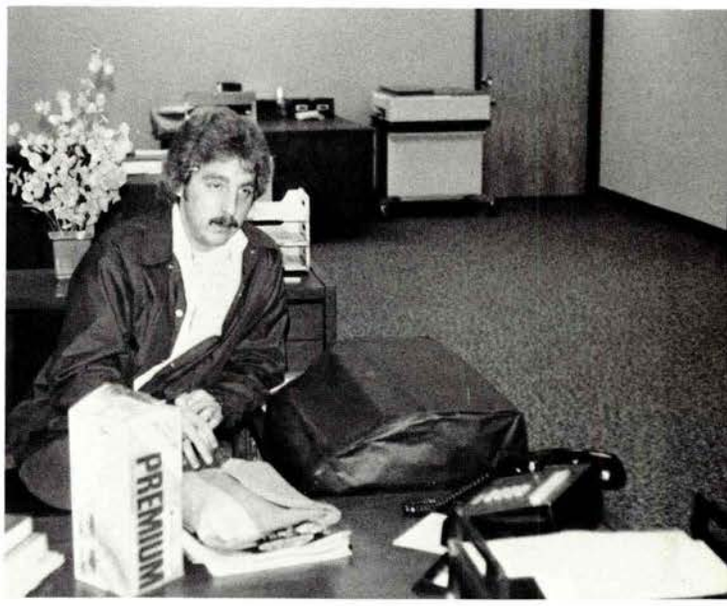
"mary, you want to hear a good one? i sent jim reed's tran
script to UCLA; maybe we could send him too?"

Campus Scenarios



"it takes the shirt off your back, this state of matrimony . . . . . " comments by the nude dude



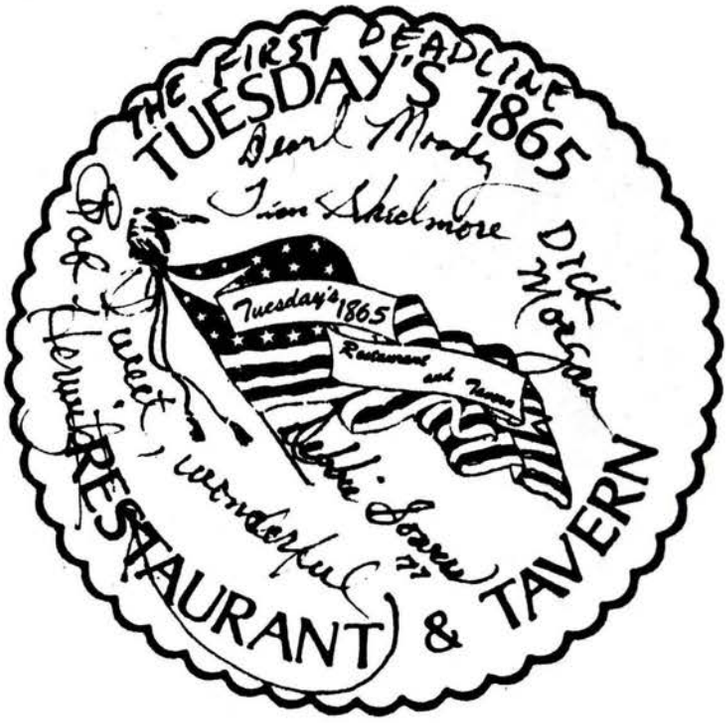


"now why did julie have to go and have that baby and make me do her work?"

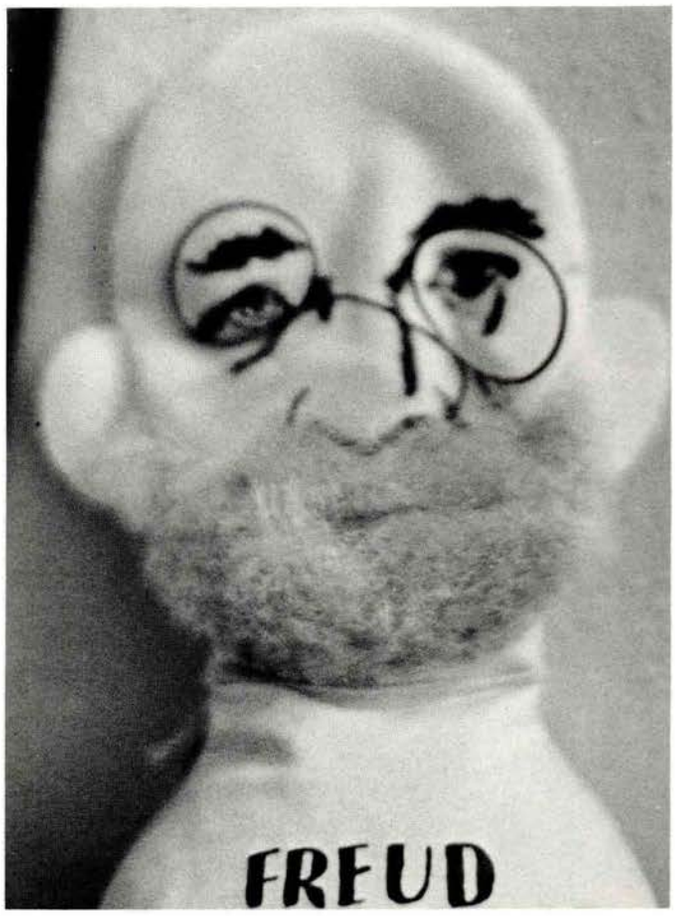
The Hunter Trip

"the place where two friends first met is sacred to them all throughout their friendship, all the more sacred as their friendship deepens and grows old."

— phillips brooks —



"i wonder why all these people in tuesdays were staring at debbie and bob?"



"sigmund freud has influenced us all, right dearl?"

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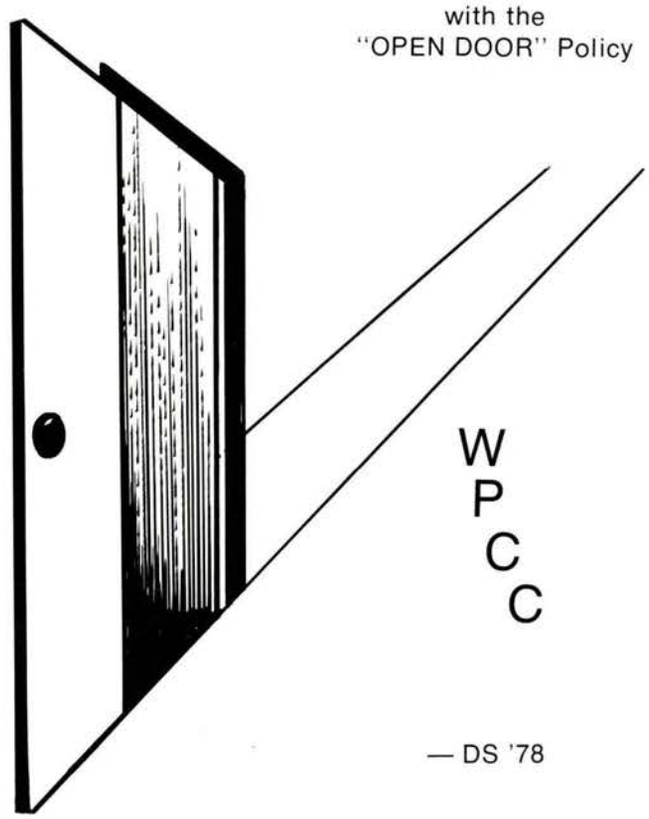

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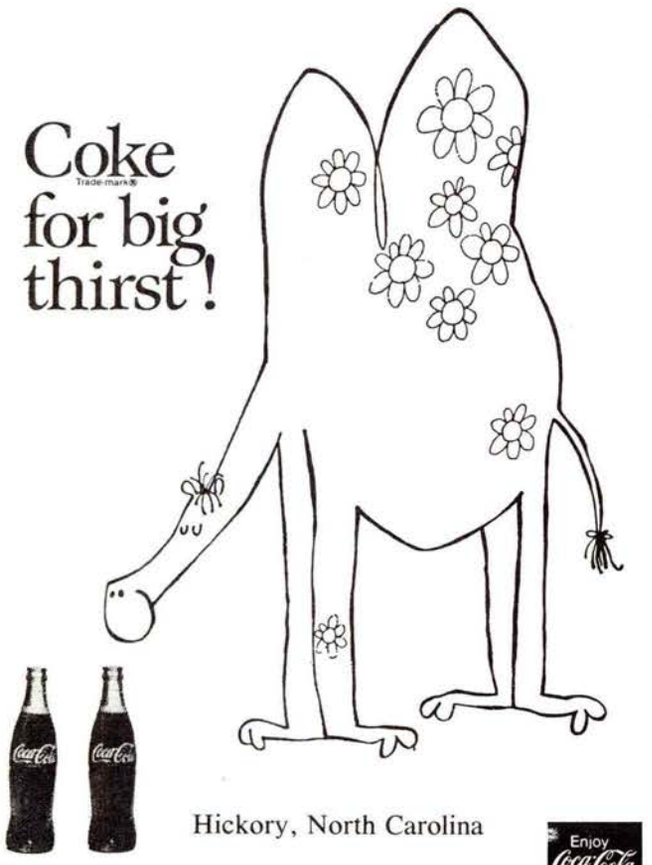

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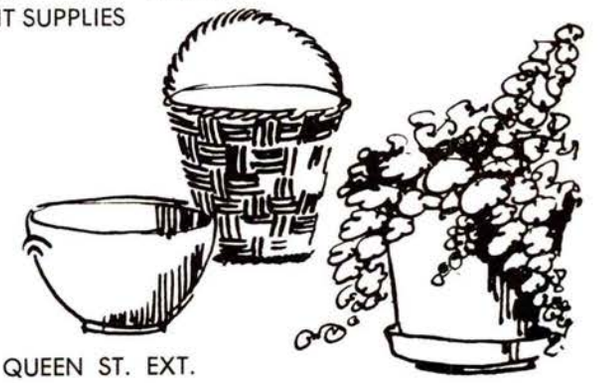

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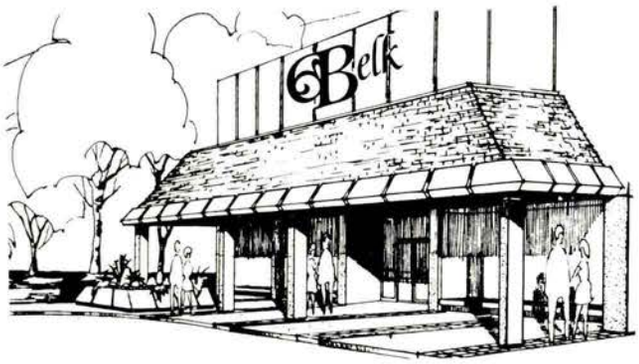

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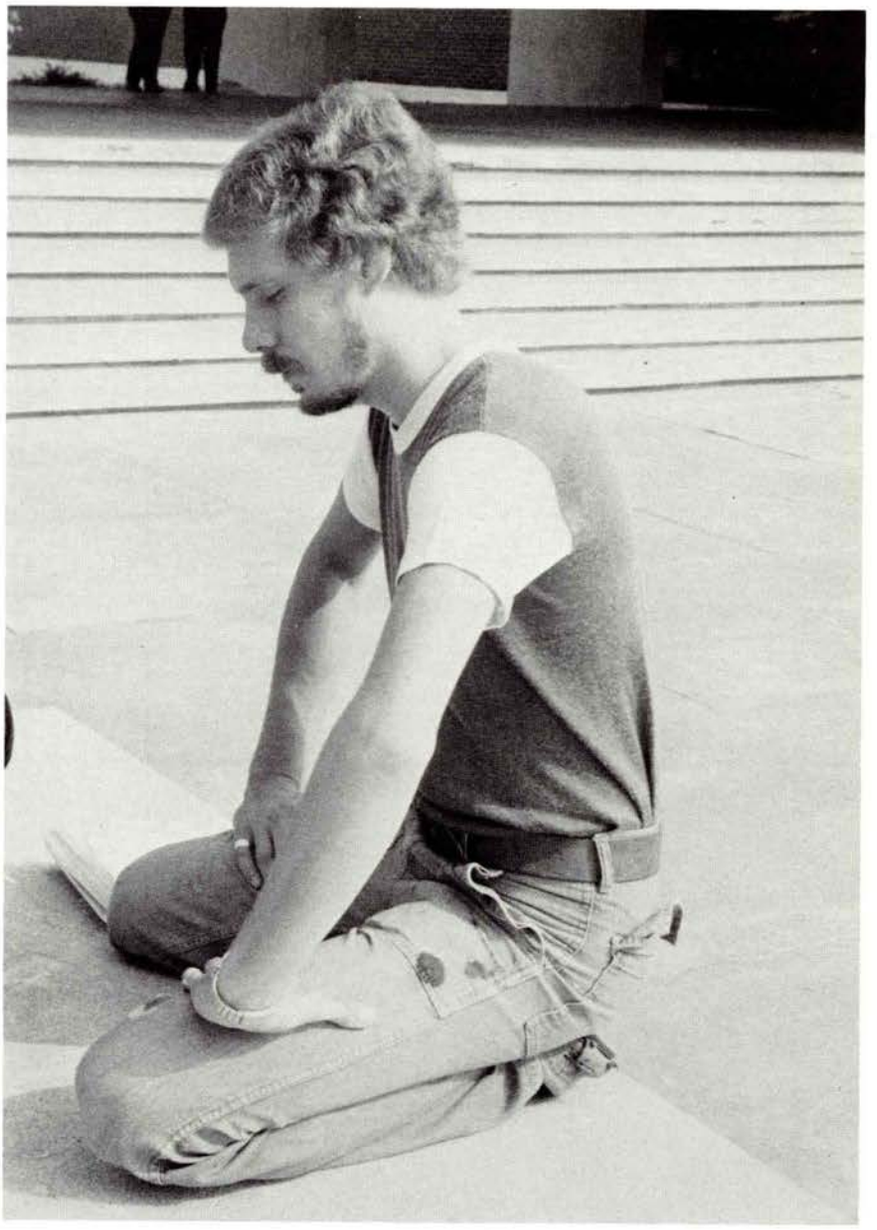

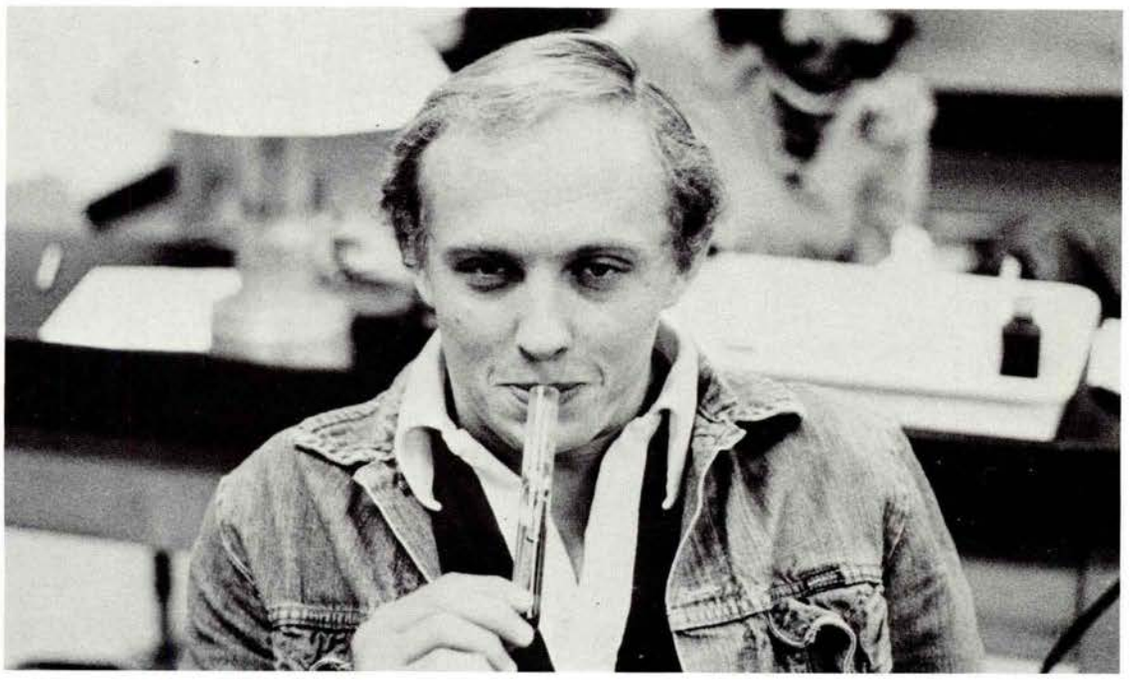

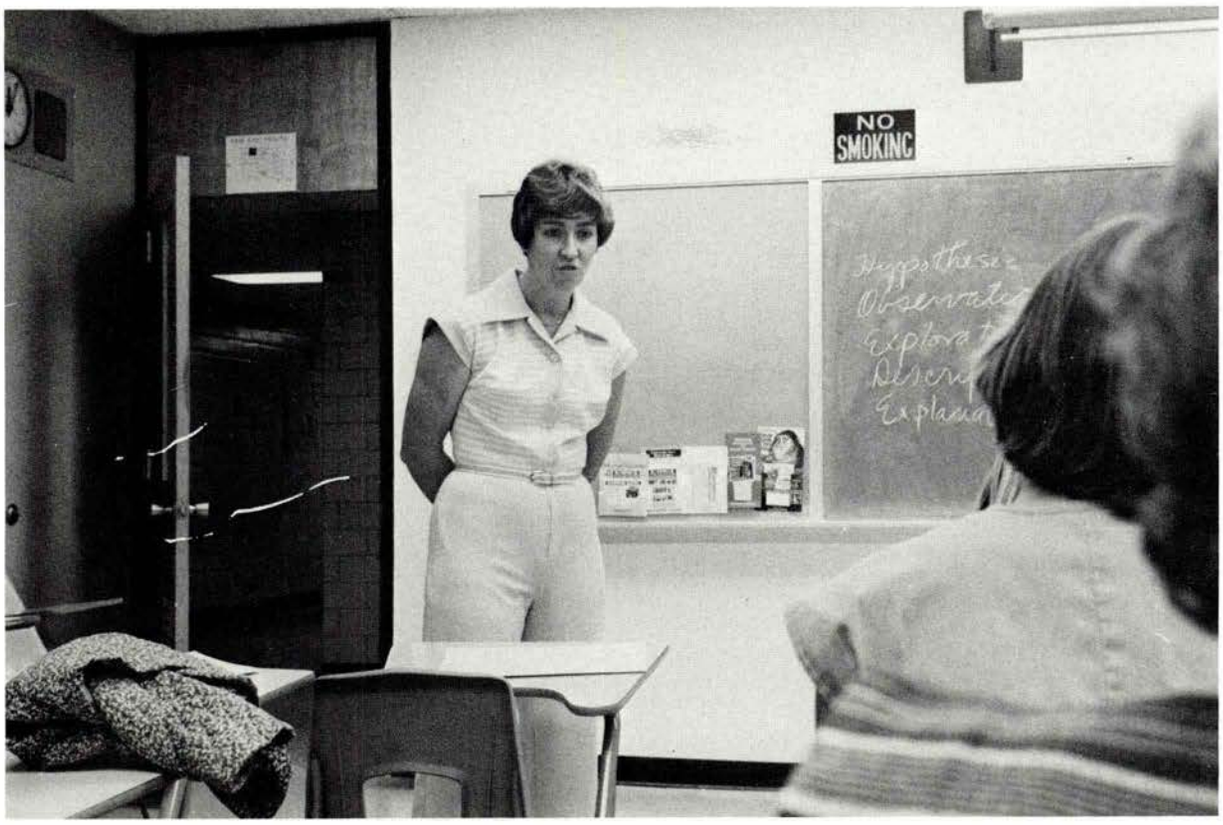
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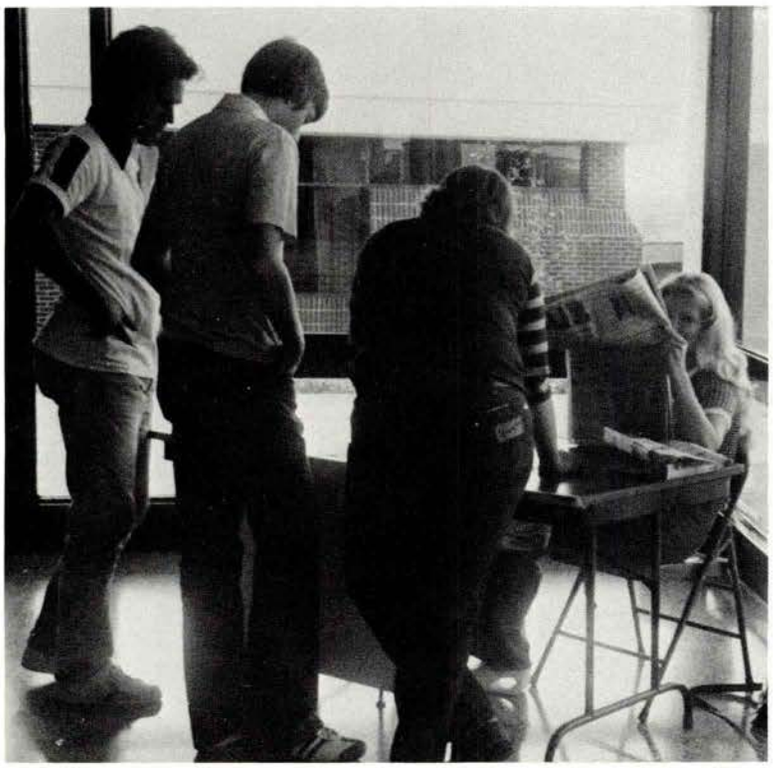
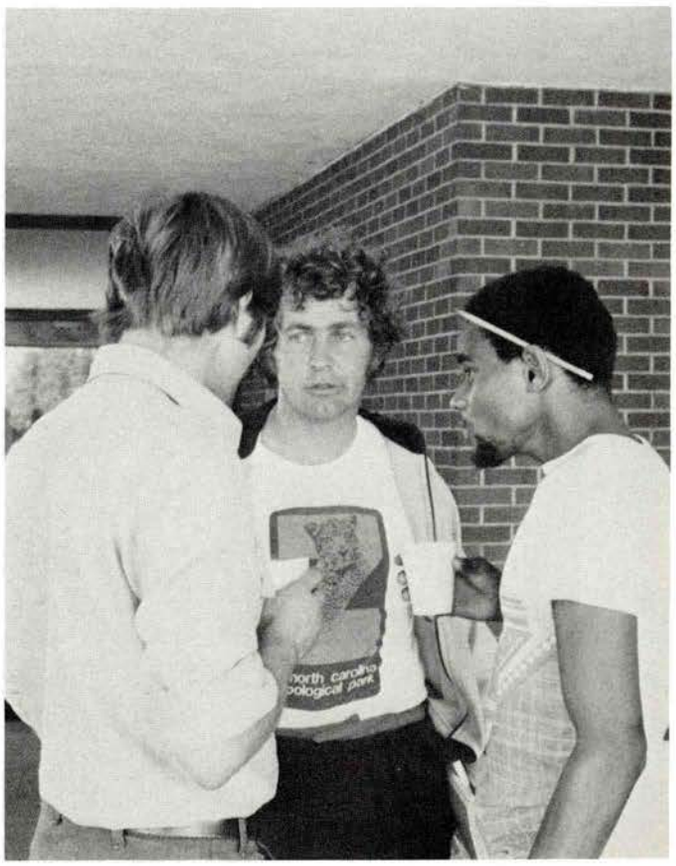
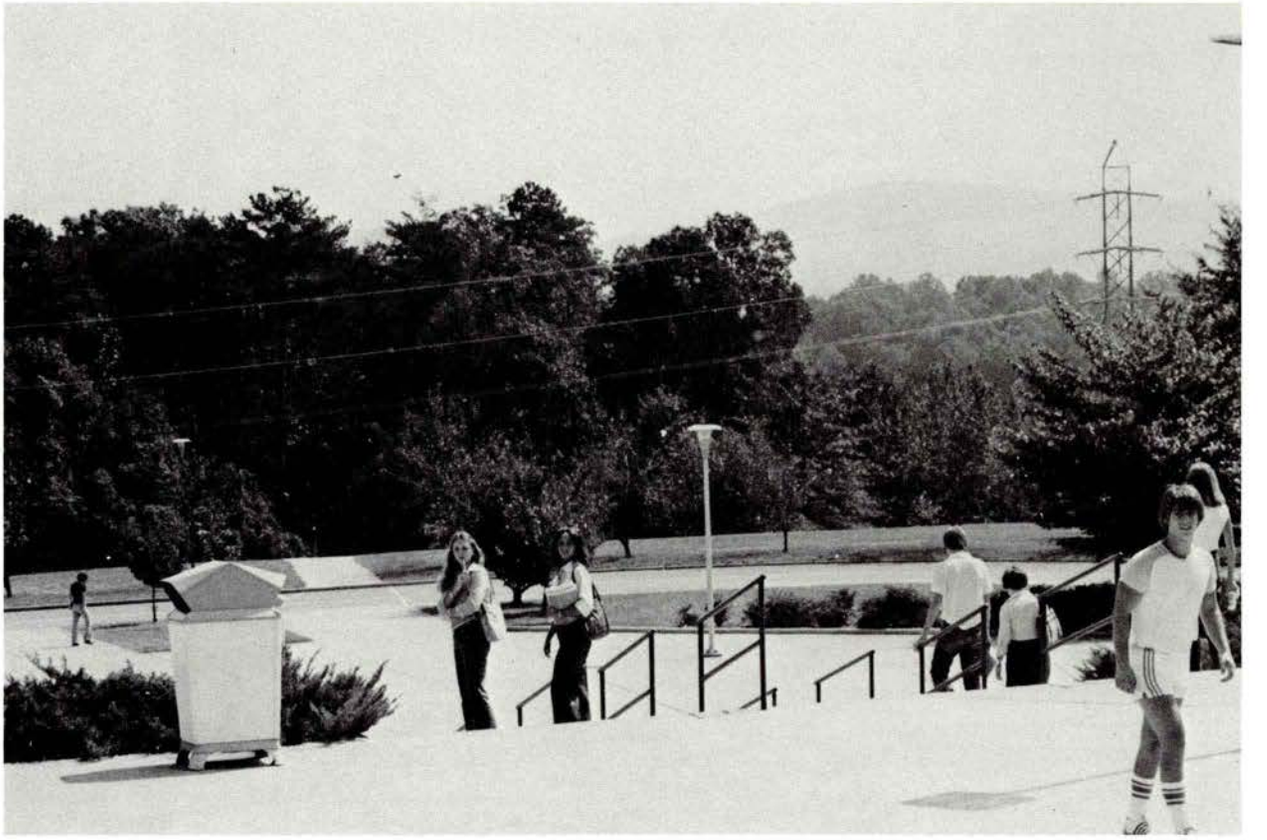
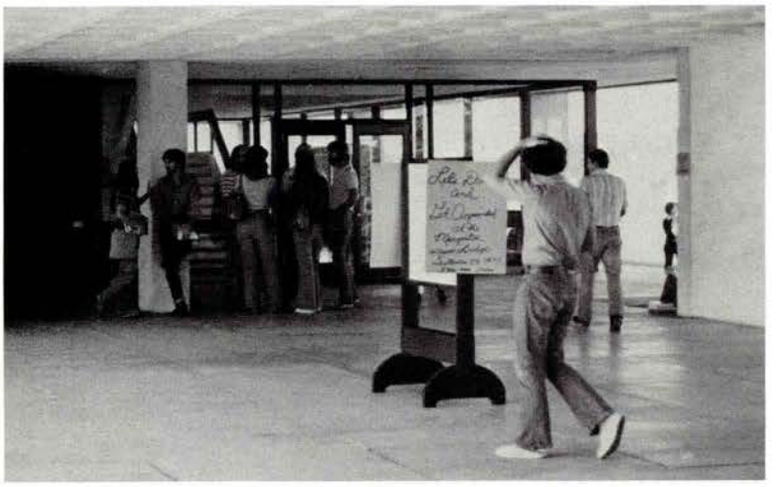
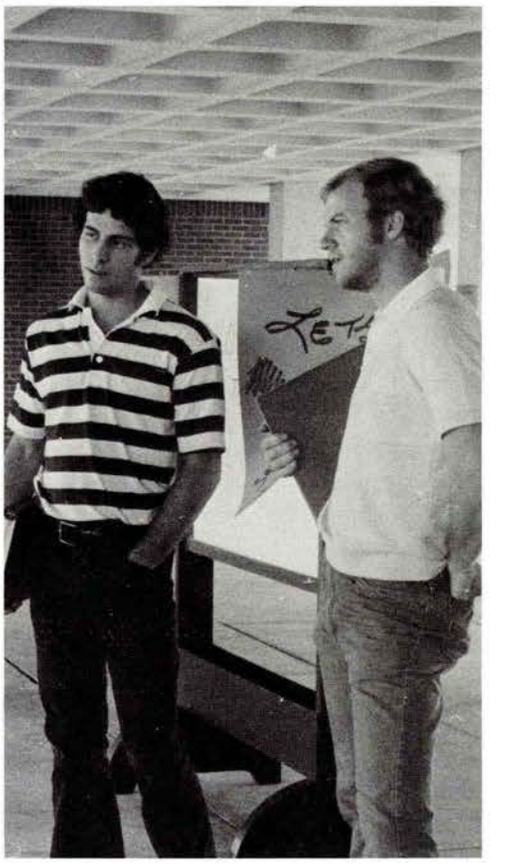
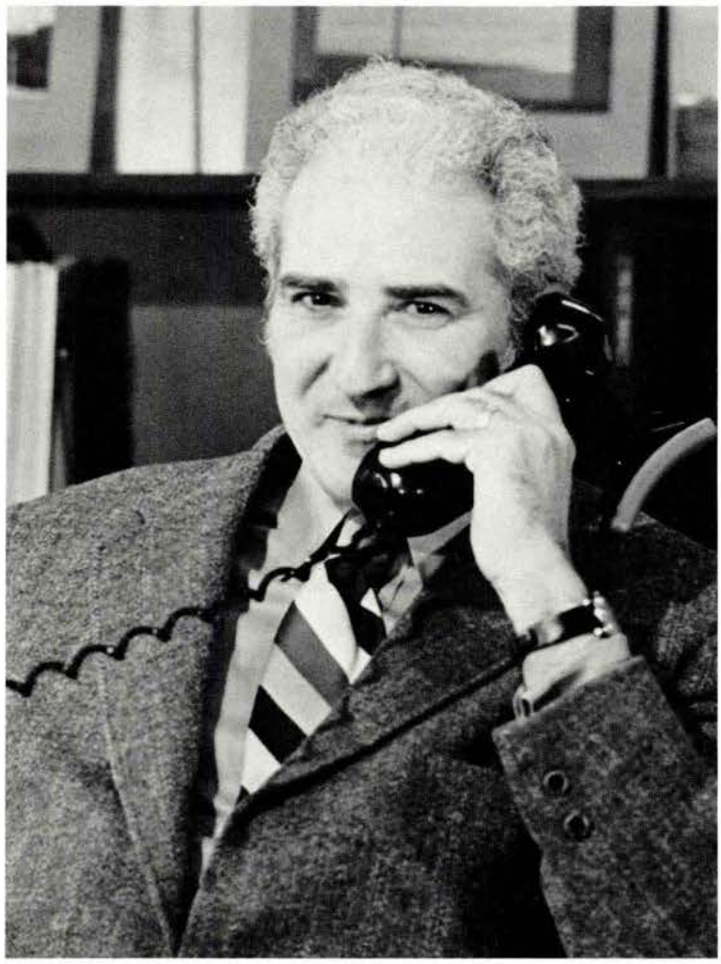












WPCC president resigning

By SUSAN USHER
News Herald Staff Writer

Dr. Gordon C. Blank, president of Western Piedmont Community College since 1967, will resign Monday to accept the presidency of Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Blank's appointment was made Wednesday by the board of trustees of the State University of New York, which governs the community college and university system of that state.

Blank said today that he plans to make the move to New York sometime in July or August. He describes the Adirondack Community College as "very similar" to Western Piedmont, but somewhat larger, with a student body of 1,700 to 1,800.

The announcement of Blank's move to Adirondack came prematurely following yesterday's appointment. Blank said he had planned to submit his resignation to the executive committee of the Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees Monday afternoon, asking at that time how the local announcement should be made. But the appointment was announced by United Press International before Blank had returned from the board meeting in New York.

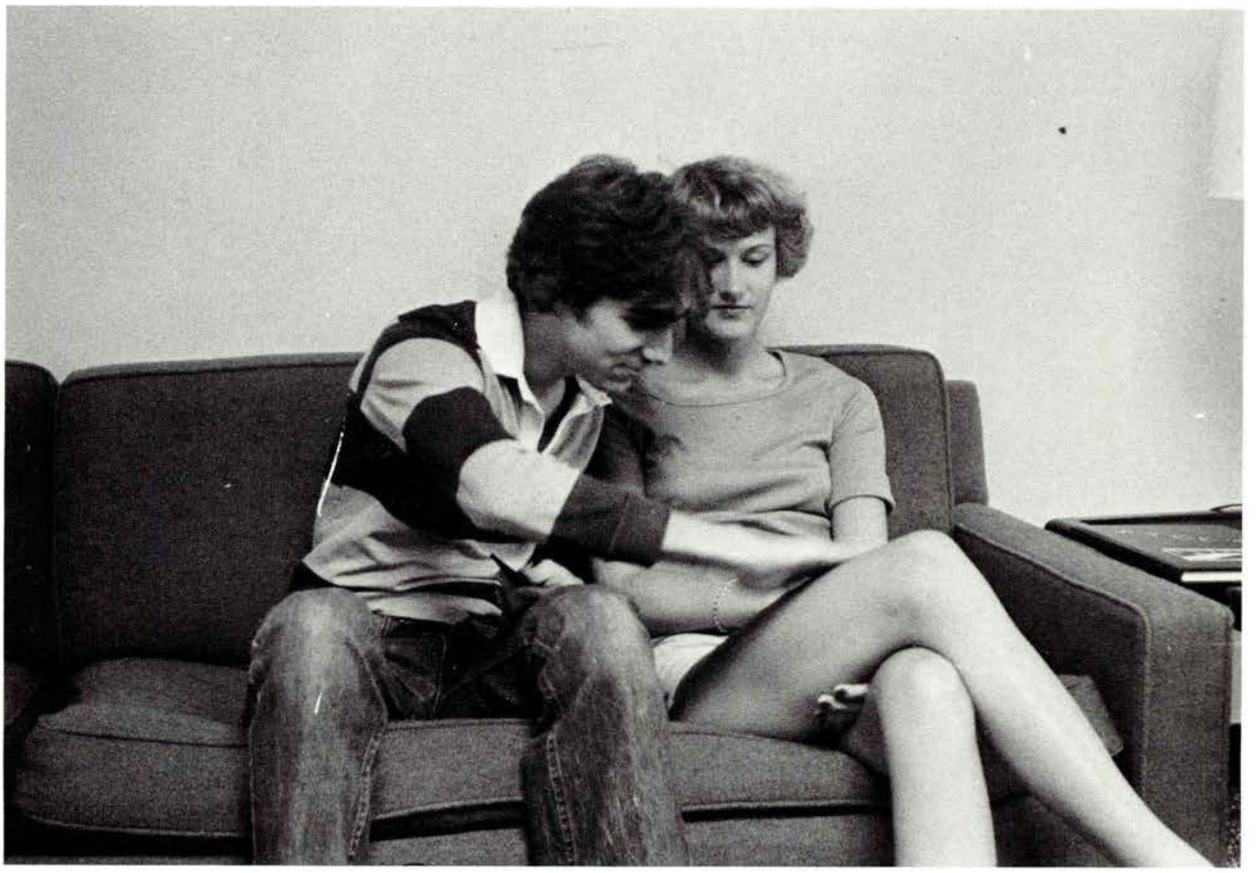
"I have mixed feelings about leaving Burke County," Blank said this morning. "This is where we have raised our family. I'm sorry to leave the area and our friends, but at the same time, I'm looking forward to the new location."

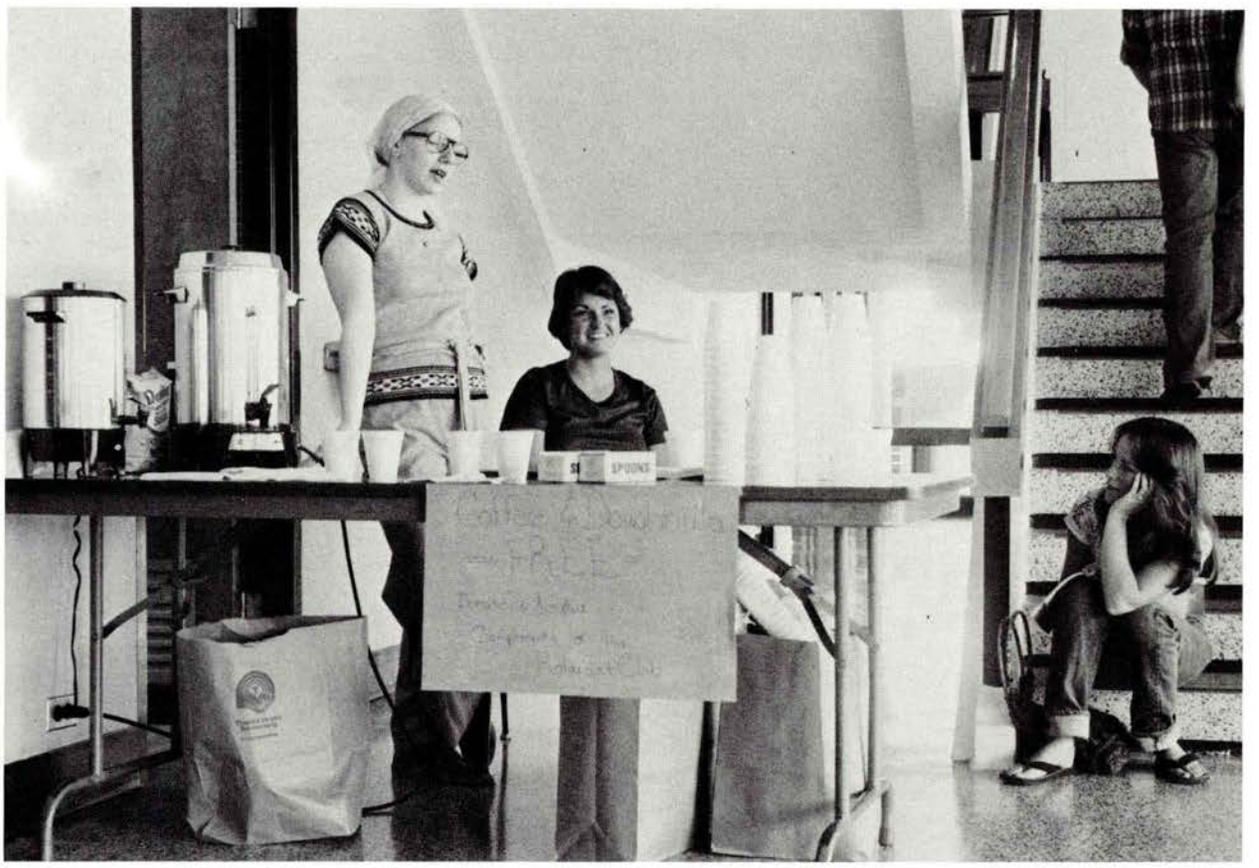
He said the move to Adirondack offers an "opportunity for professional growth and development."

Blank came to Western Piedmont from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where he taught education and audio-visual communications courses.

For 2½ years, he served as the first dean of instruction at Western Piedmond Community College, succeeding Herbert Stallworth as president in the summer of 1967.

Since that time he has guided the growth of the institution from an initial enrollment of 432 curriculum students in 1966 to a current enrollment of almost 1,500 students. The campus also serves about 2,500 adults in various part-time, non-credit courses through its Division of Continuing Education.

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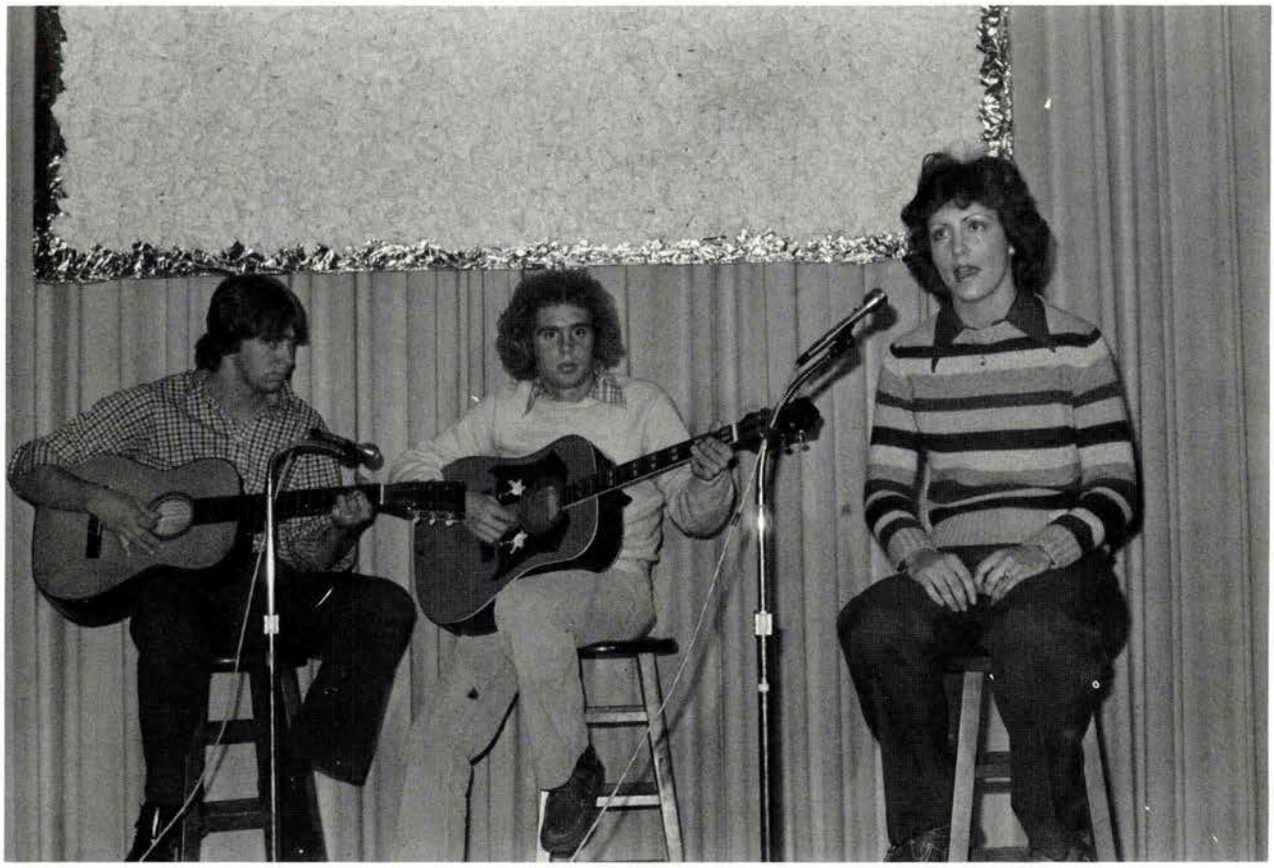

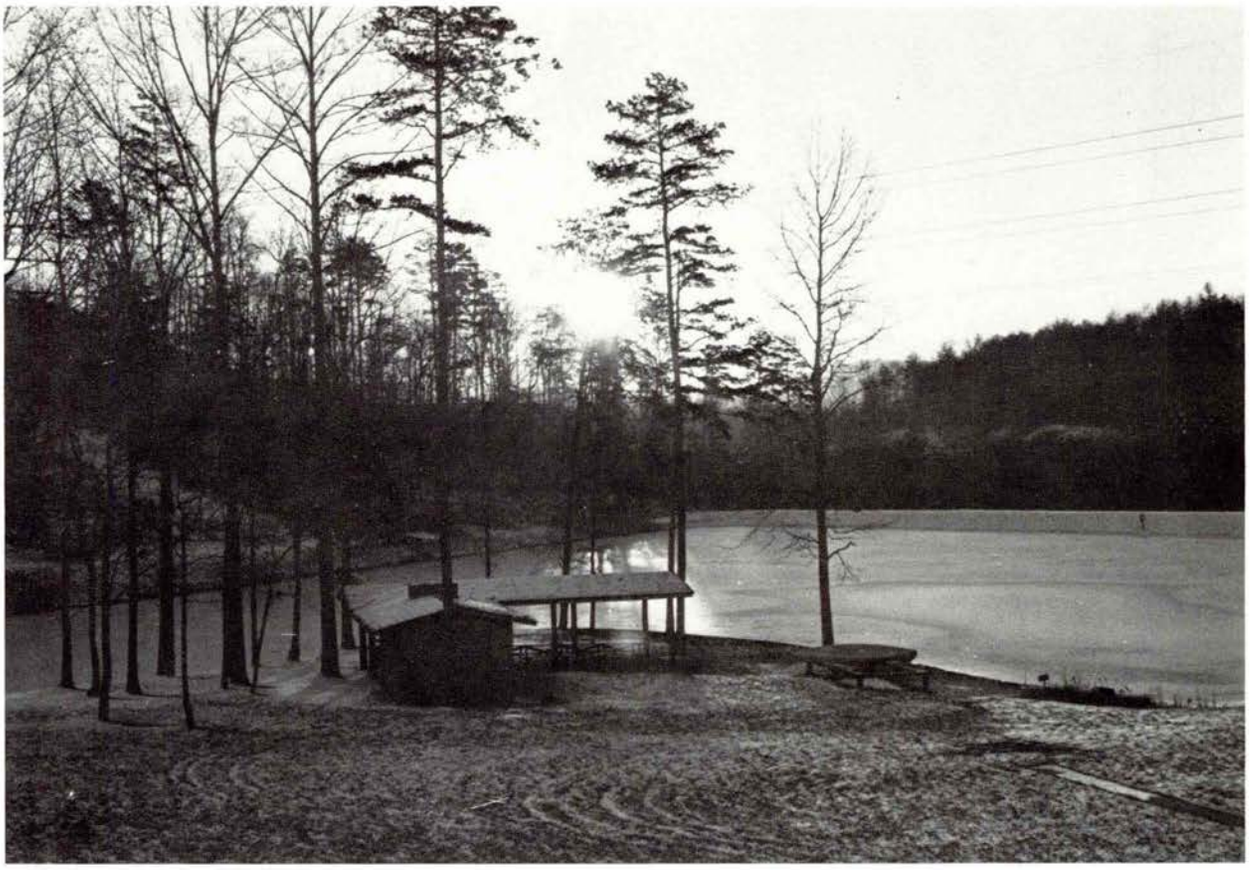

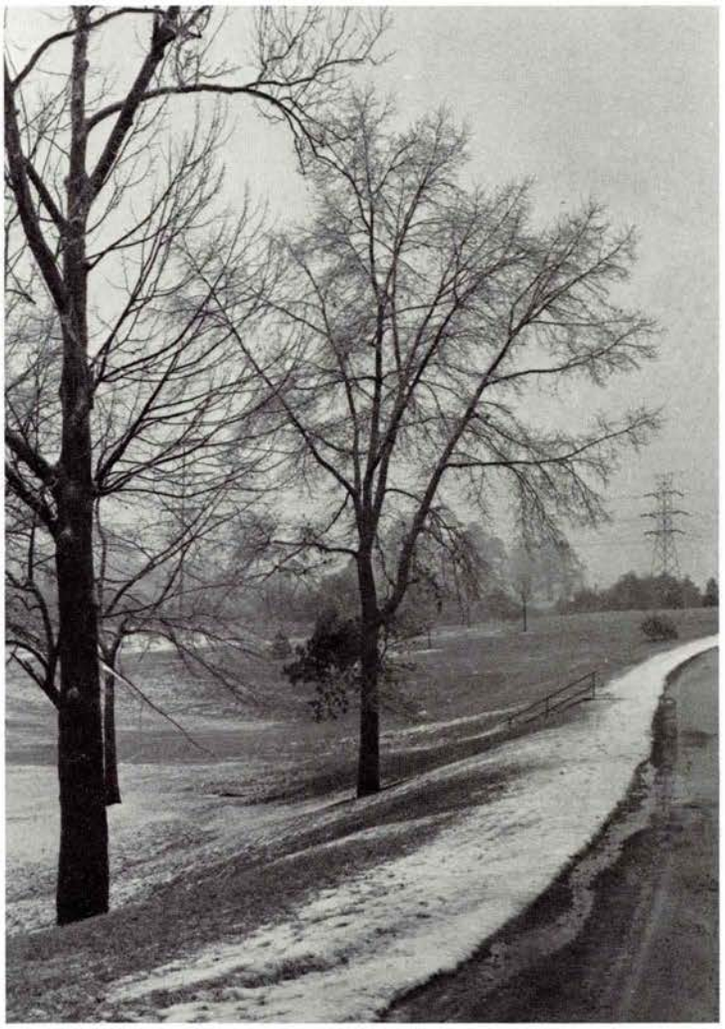

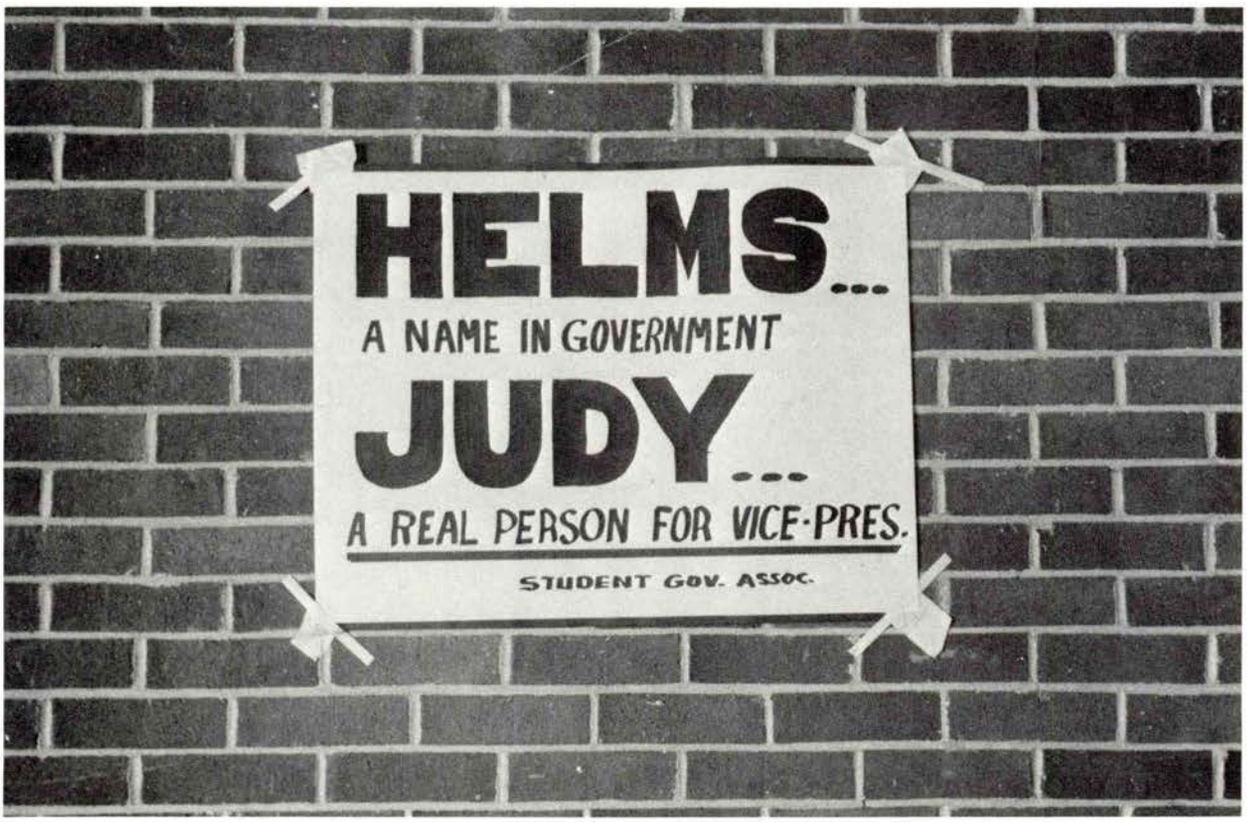
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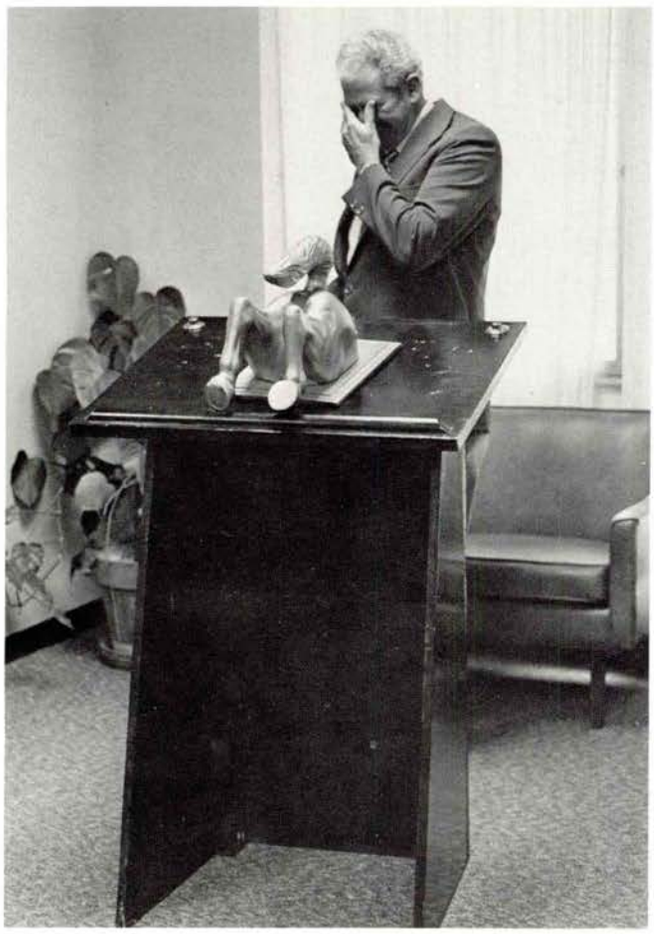

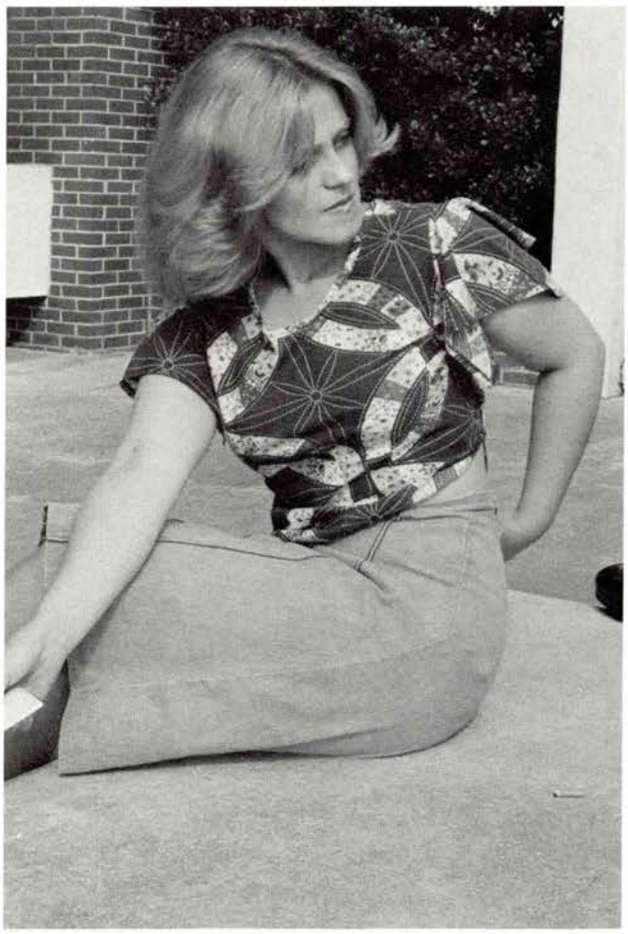

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